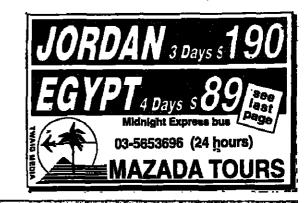
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IAF hits Hizbullah in Beirut stronghold

Peres: Hizbullah is not *immune*

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAELI attacks in Beignt and elsewhere in Lebanon show there will be no immunity for any Hizbullah position or location from where they plan to shoot or attack the state of Israel." Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared yesterday.

Last night Hizbullah vowed to retaliate against the attacks. OC Military Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon predicted Hizbuilah retaliation would range from car bombs to Katyusha rockets, and there would be tough days

White House spokesman Michael McCurrey said the US urged all parties to show

'The United States is concerned about the escalation of the fighting... We are urging all sides to exercise restraint, and we are urging those who have influence with the parties to use that influence to minimize the tension and the violence," he said.

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The remark about "those who have influence" was a clear allusion to Syria, due to its sway with

Yet, in a phone conversation with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak last night, Secretary of State Warren Christopher did not offer to begin a new mediation effort. with Damascus nor old Israel request such an effort, according to a senior Foreign Ministry official. In a statement, Christopher blamed Hizbullah for starting the clashes with Israel.

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Jordan allows **US fighters** to patrol Iraq

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan has agreed to allow US warplanes to use its territory as a base for flights to enforce a UN-mandated "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq, officials and diplomats said

vesterday. The 30 F-15s and F-16s plus four tanker jets involved in the land-based "Airpower Expeditionary Force" are to start flying into Jordan today and use a Jordanian base for two months.

**The Airpower Expeditionary Force planes will take off from the Azraq base daily, fly through Saudi airspace to southern Iraq and return at the end of their mission," a senior Jordanian offi-

It is the first time Jordan has allowed any allied war planes to use its territory to fly over Iraq.

The development reflects improved Jordanian-US relations which were strained by Jordan's perceived support for Iraq during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

The United Nations imposed a "no fly" zone over southern Iraq after the Gulf crisis sparked by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in Au-

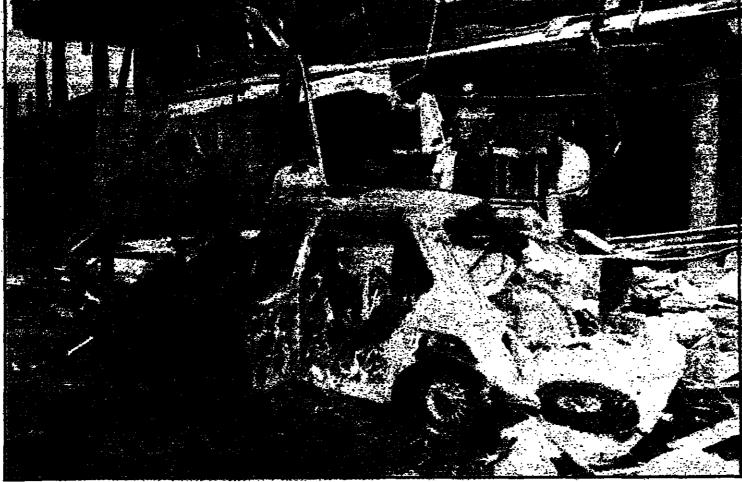
The US will also help train Jordanian air force pilots. Amman is due to receive a first batch of 16 F-16 aircraft in late 1997.

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Residents inspect the wreck of a car destroyed by IAF helicopter gunships yesterday near Tyre.

Thousands evacuate North after attacks

AT LEAST 7,0000 people, especially youngsters, left northern border towns and villages yesterday and moved to areas out of Katyusha rocket range following IAF strikes on Hizbuliah bases and centers deep in Lebanon, inchiding Beirut.

Amid amotional scenes in Kir-'yat Shmona, some parents bade temporary farewell to their children as the youngsters boarded buses taking them out of the

In some cases, parents decided to accompany their children, saying they were fed up with nights and days spent in bomb shelters, especially after the rocket attacks on the town early Tuesday

A teenage girl, Hannah Azulai, was moderately wounded in the attacks and six other residents were lightly hurt, while as many as 30 had to be treated for shock. More than 200 homes were damaged, at least one of them badly, by the exploding rockets.

The evacuation of residents

from Kiryat Shmona and other border towns and villages was decided upon at emergency meetings of council leaders in their communities after they were

The IDF did not issue any instructions for children, elderly people, or families to leave, al though throughout the day it reiterated calls to residents to remain in bomb shelters or security

briefed by senior IDF officers.

By last night, more than 1.500 people had left the town on buses organized by the municipality in conjunction with community

More than one thousand others moved out on their own on regular and extra buses added by Egged and in their own cars, to stay with relatives in Haifa and central parts of the country.

Reports from other parts of the Galilee said at least 2,000 people had made similar moves from their homes to safer regions after long nights in bomb shelters and security rooms.

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Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Linkin-Shahak, accompanied by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, visited Kiryat Shmona yesterday morning and met with Mayor Prosper Azran and city councilors.

"I came here to see if the maytown are prepared for the coming

ter the meeting. "In my opinion there will not be any problems that cannot be solved," he said.

days," Shahak told reporters af-

In a meeting with council heads in Western Galilee, Levine said they should be prepared for an extended operation that would require patience and steadfast-

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Pinpoint air strikes 'a clear message'

DAVID RUDGE and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL Air Force helicopter were said to have left the town. gunships and fighter bombers blasted Hizbullah targets in Lebanon yesterday, staging surgical air strikes in the Syrian-policed Bekaa Valley and hitting the Hizbullah nerve center in Beirut. This was the first time the IAF has attacked the Lebanese capital since the 1982 Lebanon war.

The anticipated retaliation for the Katyusha rocket attacks earlier this week was seen as a clear message to Hizbullah leaders that Israel would not tolerate attacks against its civilians. But the operation also was aimed to impress upon the governments in Beirut and Damascus that they must exert their control to rein in the Iranianbacked group.

"We are going to make it clear to Hizbullah that the citizens of southern Lebanon won't be the shield of their activities," Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Likpin-

The IAF raids deep into Lebanon raised tensions along the northern border and in the security zone to a fever pitch. IDF and South Lebanese Army troops were on full alert and all emergency services in the North were on standby in case of Katyusha rocket retaliation.

Kiryat Shmona and Metulla turned into virtual ghost towns, with thousands of children evacuated southward and hundreds of families clogging the roads as 7,000 Kiryat Shmona residents

Along the northern border, there was little troop movement. The Good Fence remained open with ammunition convoys moving across the border toward artillery batteries in the security zone.

As night fell, IAF warplanes and helicopters could still be heard heading into Lebanon. Those who remained in the North prepared to spend yet another night in public bomb shelters or their own security rooms, with or without their families.

There were also reports from Lebanon that the Israel Navy had taken part in the attack, but the IDF denied this.

Unofficial reports from Lebanon said at least four people were killed and seven wounded in the attacks, plus three Lebanese soldiers wounded, but Hizbullah did not announce last night whether any of its members were among the casualties.

Two civilians were said to have been killed and four wounded in a rocket attack on a car on the coastal road north of Sidon by helicopter gunships. One person was said to have been killed and another wounded in a pinpoint helicopter attack on a Hizbullah base in Beirut.

According to the reports from Lebanon, two more Lebanese were wounded in air strikes on a village between Nakoura and Tyre later in the day. One person was reported to have been killed Sawar village southwest of Jibsheet beyond the security zone.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali deplored the escalation of

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Defiant Kiryat Shmona resident: 'Hizbullah hasn't beaten us'

SHULA Peretz was among those waiting to register her children at a community center in Kiryat Shmona yesterday morning for organized evacuation from

She was accompanied by her 12-year-old daughter Adva. who was destined to be among those leaving the town, together with her older brother, while their mother stayed behind.

"It is very difficult being in the bomb shelters all the time and not knowing what's going to happen," said Shula. "I'm afraid, not so much for myself but for the chil-

"If the children are away from here. I will feel better because it's dangerous here. I will be staying here because this is my home. even though it will be lonely for me," she said at the registration

Adva said she would not mind staying, but if her mother decided she should leave she would do so. "I was born in Kiryat Shmona and I have seen a lot." said Adva.

"I'm not really afraid, although when the rockets fall nearby it frightens me, and also when I'm at school at such times, because I'm not with my mother," she

"I don't know where they will be sending us but it will be okay because I know that my brother. who is 15, will be with me."

Eldad Keinan, a veteran Kiryat Shmona resident, also tried to reg-

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ister his four children to be moved out of the town. It was the first such organized evacuation since the 1993 week-long Operation Accountability, in which thousands of residents left the North

"it's not the first time that the children are candidates for evacuation, but it's the first time I have agreed to it," said Eldad.

"As it happened, the registration was full, so in a way I'm happy because it means that we will all be staying here together as a family.

"I certainly don't want Hizbullah to get the feeling they have beaten us because they haven't and they won't," he said. Among those who decided to

stay in the town yesterday were new immigrants Boris and Tanya Sidelovsky, who moved to Kiryat Shmona shortly after leaving the former Soviet Union three years

Three years can be a long time especially in a place like Kiryat Shmona. We have seen and experienced a lot of things during that time," said Boris, a general practi-

"I am staying because of my job and the fact that I feel I will be needed in the coming days and our 15 year-old son will stay with me," said Boris.

His wife Tanya, a qualified nurse, said she was also staying because of her job looking after geriatric patients at Kibbutz

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tickets ending in 46959, 72729, 86852,33317, 22252, 63648.

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11741 were good for NIS 1,000.

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They both expressed their belief and hope for peace as "the best security for Israel in the long term, but not at any price and not at the expense of Katyusha rocket attacks." They spoke as they were about to leave with friends for a 'quiet picnic" out of town and out of the range of Soviet-made Katyusha rockets.

Twice during the conversation, loudspeakers blared instructing residents to enter bomb shelters and stay in security rooms. "I hope we are going to be able to get away and get a breath of

fresh air, if only for a short while." said Boris. Few people were on the town's streets yesterday, the usual Thursday outdoor market was closed and most of the traffic was

nature spots. As night fell, the remaining residents prepared to spend yet another night in bomb shelters and security rooms.

headed south, rather than to the

Judy Siegel adds:
Bezeq will install free-dialing telephones to all centers to which children from the North will be evacuated so they can be in touch with their parents, the company's director-general, Yitzhak Kaul, announced yesterday.

The company is also looking into other ways of using telecommunications to alleviate the difficulties for residents in settlements in the line of Katyusha fire.

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drawing, the winning numbers

were 9, 14, 16, 17, 34 and 42, and

the additional number was 21.



Kirvat Shmona residents board buses yesterday as the exodus from the city continues.

13 hurt in accident by Golani junction

THIRTEEN people were injured - one seriously - when a car and bus collided near the Golani junction. The injured were evacuated to Poriva Hospital, near

A similar accident occurred on the same section of the road, No. 77, two months ago.

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hostilities in Lebanon, citing in particular the IDF's retaliatory attacks. A UN spokesman urged all parties to "exercise restraint." (Reactions, Page 3)

The largest attack came at midmorning when four US-made, state-of-the-art Apache helicopter gunships flew in from the sea and fired at least three missiles at. what the IDF said was the Hizbullah operations center in the southern neighborhood of Bir al-Abed. The aircraft targeted the first floor of the 10-story building in the densely populated district.

In a briefing in Tel Aviv, OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger showed reporters a videotape of the attacks and praised the pilots' accuracy. The army said Hizbullah had used the center to plan and coordinate attacks against northern Israel and IDF troops in south Lebanon.

The building was located in a Hizbullah enclave inside the capital where the IDF said Lebanese police and troops do not deploy.

"This is unacceptable and expresses the special status of the Hizbullah in Beirut and in south Lebanon. The Lebanese government is not able or chooses not to impose its sovereignty or prevent attacks against Israel by Hizbul-

AIR STRIKES (Continued from Page 1)

lah," an army statement said. Following the attack, Hizbullah fighters quickly scaled off the area, forcibly turning back reporters and photographers. Antiaircraft fire was directed at the IAF helicopters, which released missile-deflecting flares.

In the Tyre district, an Israeli helicopter fired on a Lebanese Army unit, reportedly wounding three soldiers after they fired on the helicopter. The attack set fire to a Lebanese Army armored personnel carrier and knocked ont antiaircraft batteries in the

"We have nothing against the Lebanese Army and we can only advise the Lebanese Army to stay out of what we are doing. If they will do so there will be no casualties among them," Shahak said.

Earlier, IAF aircraft had struck at a Hizbullah operation base at Midrat Ein Abu Suwar, north of Nabatiya. The army said the two structures targeted there were used by Hizbullah and stressed they were located in an isolated and empty part of the village and so civilians would not be burt in the attack.

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"Every village from which Ka-tyushas are fired will be risking retaliation," an IDF statement said. "Civilians who live next to Hizbullah activist centers and homes may be burt."

The Beirur raid had followed a pre-dawn attack on a Hizbuttab logistic base in the Syrian-policed town of Baalbek in eastern Leba-DOR. The last time the IAF raided Basibek, in June 1994, it hit a Hizbullah training base, killing 50 Hizbullah recruits and Iranian

Revolutionary Guards.

This time it targeted the ammunition bunkers; the air force said its pilots recorded direct hits. Hizbullah guerrillas immediately closed off the area to journalists and police sources said that the aircraft bit the town garbage

A senior security source said that if more Katyushas land in Kiryat Shmona the IDF would

retaliste again in Beirut.

Historials tried to diotale to Israei the scope of its operations and deny it the use of the advantages it has, such as pinpoint attacks by the IAF," the source said. "Israel is keeping all options open. Keeping this in mind, Israel has no intention of starting an overall offensive against Beirnt and its citizens."

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We would be happy if this would be a short period, but unfortunately at the moment it's necessary to prepare for [more thanl a few days." Levine told reporters after the meeting.

"Hizbullah has to stop Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee and on [the security zone in] south Lebanon. If Hizbullah continues, or threatens to continue, its Katyusha rocket attacks, it will continue to be hit by us and I hope hit hard," Levine said.

Levine said most schools in the north would be closed today, and the situation would be reviewed at the beginning of next week.

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(Brian Hendler)

Reaction to Lebanese bombing Lebanon: Raids ruining peace Syria slams Israel

slammed Israel for launching air strikes against Lebanon yesterday and said the attacks would harm

the Middle East peace process.
"What Israel did in Lebanon today has only one name. It is aggression," state-run radio said, giving Syria's initial reaction to the raids.

"This Israeli aggression and ter-rorism will have its consequences which would harm the peace

could not present any reason to - attacking civilian targets.

Radical Palestinians condemn air raids

DAMASCUS (Renter) - A radical terrorism which is practiced by Palestinian group, condemned Esfael against the peoples of the Israel's air raids on Beirut and region, the DFLP said in a stateterming them a kind of "organized state terrorism."

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), led by Nayef Hawatmeh, urged the UN Security Council and other world bodies to denounce the Israeli attacks.

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explain or justify it," the radio said. "Aggression against civil-ians could never be justified." At least three Lebanese civil-

ians and one soldier were killed in the raids which followed the killing of an IDF soldier on Wednesday by Hizbullah mortar rounds in southern Lebanon and the wounding of 36 people.

Syria reiterated its support for

Lebanese resistance against Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. It process," the radio said.

"This Israeli aggression is not justified by any means. Israel

Lebanese resistance to refrain from

Violence leads to violence and

the violence of the occupier will

attacks against Israel.

in Beirut, shortly after Israeli helicopters blasted Hizbullah targets in Beirut's southern suburbs. "Violence only attracts counterviolence. What is required if we really are truthful is wanting to get out of this whirlpool...is to

wounded 11.

France urges negotiations

BEIRUT (Reuter) - Lebanon said

yesterday Israel was ruining

chances for Middle East peace by

its air and sea bombardment of

areas of Lebanon, ncluding the

first air raid on Beirut in 14 years.

Foreign Miniser Faris Bouez also said Beirut was seriously

considering lodging a complaint with the UN Security Council to

protest against the Israeli attack

that killed four people and

it is destroying it today and it is

contributing to more tension in the region," Bouez told reporters

"If Israel means real peace then

PARIS (Reuter) - France yesterday deploted mounting violence in southern Lebanon and urged Lebanon and Israel to try to settle their differences through negotia-

lead to nothing but big resistance inside occupied Palestine and south Lebanon," it added.

The DFLP, which is opposed to
the Palestinian-Israeli peace deal, "France is ready to lend its support" if talks are set between Lebanon and Israel, Foreign has several military bases in Ministry spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt said. Lebanon which it uses to launch

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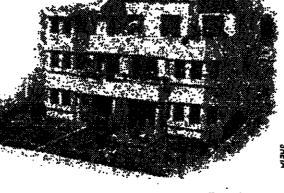
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Netanyahu to Hizbullah: Don't wish for Likud

LIKUD Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu expressed support yesterday for the latest operations in Lebanon, saying he hoped "they were not one-time limited

He also warned the Iranians, Hizbullah and Hamas not to wish the Likud would come to power because we would make your life hell. It will not be to your advantage if a Likud-based government takes over because we shall relentlessly fight and pursue

Netanyahu was reacting to comments by OC Military Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who contended that the Hizbullah and Hamas operations were geared to remove Labor from power.

Likud sources expressed alarm at Ya'alon's comments, maintaining these were political interjections during an election campaign uttered by a general in uniform, something insufferable in a democracy. Moreover, they said, the extreme Islamic organizations are not targeting the peace process but the state of Israel and Jewish lives in order to win Israeli concessions and to claim credit for concessions made under the Oslo

peace process," Bouez added. Perfect Setting to Improve Your Health, Energy and Mood

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Netanyahu maintained yester-day that "it will not do to engage in sporadic raids against the ter-rorists, be they Hizbullah or Hamas. The fight against terrorists must be continuous. They must never be allowed to raise their heads."

He further said that he hopes Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the Labor government "have by now awakened from their dangerous delusions that they can trust Israel's security to Syrian President Hafez Assad who was expected to keep the Hizbullah at bay, and to PLO chief Yasser Arafat who was supposed to contain the Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

"If the government has indeed reached the point where it has realized that it was on the wrong course and has now decided to

change that course, it will enjoy our unwavering support," the Likud leader said.

The Likud's rising new star Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Mordechai, former OC Northern Command, said he had "many doubts that what we have at hand is a real change. The government has made moves in the right direction, but sadly it is much too little much too late.

"When more than half of Kiryat Shmona is emptied, we have reached a very unfortunate situation which should never have been allowed to deteriorate as it had. Things were allowed to get this bad only because the IDF's hands were tied for political considerations and the Hizbullah was allowed to run wild without containment, because the government was afraid to upset chances for a quick deal with the Syrians."

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War in peace

F nothing else, yesterday's actions in Lebanon seem to affirm the truth of the saying that only hawks can make the concessions necessary to conclude a peace treaty, and only doves can get broad support for war. Had a Likud government attacked targets in an Arab capital the way the air force did yesterday in Beirut, or imposed the kind of blockade on the territories the government decreed a month ago, it is doubtful that it would have enjoyed the broad support now afforded the Labor govern-

Not that there is any doubt about the need for these steps. The closure on the territories was a necessary move to protect Israel from terrorist penetration, and Israel had to act against Hizbullah in Lebanon. Had it continued to tolerate the provocations and wanton shelling of civilian targets. Hizbullah's attacks would have inevitably escalated. Israel's repeated pleas for American mediation and Syrian cooperation in restraining Hizbullah have been viewed as signs of weakness and trepidation: an invitation for an increase in the number and intensity of the strikes against both army and civilians. There has never been a case in which an aggressor's appetite has not increased with the feeding.

The government is still convinced that the war in the North is but a slight detour on the way to a peace treaty with Syria. And it is certain, too, that only "a political solution" can terminate Hizbullah's activities. But the inescapable conclusion from what is happening both in Lebanon and in the territories is that the government's policies are a dismal, unmitigated

One of the most persuasive arguments the government has made against Israeli control of the territories is that it is immoral to rule another people and unrealistic to suppose that the "occupied will ever want to live in peace with the "occupier." But never since the war of 1967 have the Palestinians endured greater deprivation, humiliation, and hardships than they do

It is precisely the kind of suffering the Oslo agreement was supposed to abolish forever. Not surprisingly, it makes Palestinians feel that peace has failed them and that Israel is an implacable enemy with whom no peace is possible. Instead of reconciliation and progress toward peaceful coexistence, the Oslo agreement has effected the most unmitigated manifestations of Palestinian hatred and resentment for Israel.

Nor is there a way out in sight. If the closure is lifted, terrorists will again find it easy to enter Israel and wreak havoc. As is already apparent, the hope that the closure will prompt the Palestinian Authority to suppress the terrorist organizations is as futile as it is unreasonable. No

matter how severe the collective punishment, the PA will not start a civil war against the Islamists to placate Israel. On the contrary. Since the Palestinians blame the closure on Israel, not on the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists who precipitated it, their bitterness will only create greater sympathy for the

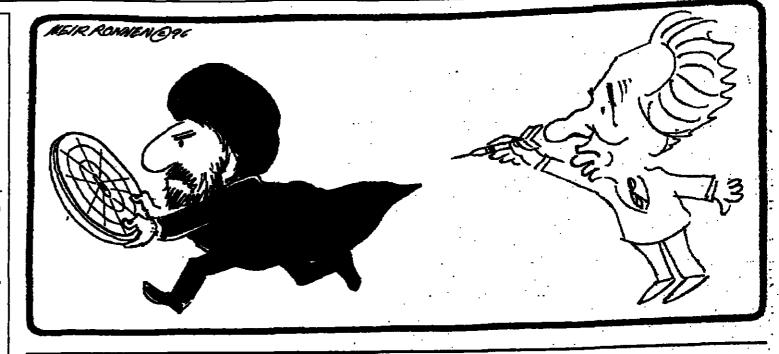
Similarly, the obsessive pleas for peace with Syria, and the insistent proclamations that there is no military solution to the war in Lebanon, have convinced both the Syrians and their Hizbullah proxies that they can attack Israel with impunity. In fact, the attacks, exacting a growing toll, have been used as a means to pressure Israel into greater concessions and an urgent eagerness to conclude the negotiations at almost any price. Now Israel has reached a point at which it has to evacuate children from Kiryat Shmona - something it has not done for 15 years, and hardly a happy commentary on the progress of the peace process.

That the government deserves support for its actions is a given. The measures it is taking may be late and half-hearted, but they are the only options left. Unfortunately, this kind of action, which should have transcended all internal political considerations, is being cynically used for election purposes. In yesterday's press conference, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said that Iran, which finances and supports the Hizbullah guerrillas and the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists, is so opposed to the Oslo process that it wants the Labor Party to be defeated in the elections. The Iranians believe, said Ya'alon, that Labor's defeat will be a blow the process.

It is a shame that the army, already politicized more than it has been since since the 1950s, allows its officers openly to intervene in the country's electoral processes. But it is much more dismaying that the head of intelligence can deliver such a mindless assessment. Iran is not opposed to one process or another any more than it is opposed to one Israeli party or another. Iran is opposed to Israel's existence.

To suggest that Iran would welcome a Likud victory is tantamount to implying that it would stop supporting terrorism if the Likud wins the elections. Surely, Ya'alon does not believe that to prevent the return of Oslo-committed Labor Party to power, Iran will declare a moratorium on Hizbullah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad attacks against Israel if the Likud comes to power.

To use the army as an instrument in the election campaign is reprehensible enough. To misdiagnose the motivations of Israel's enemies is worse. It is a pity that, at a moment when the nation should unite in confronting these enemies, the government has chosen to score election points at the expense of national unity.



Prove Hizbullah wrong

f it's true, as they say, that there's no military solution to Hizbuilah's Katyusha rockets, and these barrages will only end when a political accommodation with Syria is reached, why has the government suspended the negotiations with Syria until after the Knesset elections?

And if Prime Minister Peres is right that Iran's goal in encouraging Hizbullah and the Islamic Jihad to fight Israel is to bring down his government, should we then conclude that if the government is replaced, terrorist attacks against Israel will cease?

If the Americans are correct in asserting that Hizbullah, under Syrian influence, is ready to from showering Katyushas on Galilee in the framework of the Operation Accountability agreements, and the two latest series of shellings resulted from a mistake, then how does this jibe with the argument that Hizbullah terrorism is directed by Iran and is meant to unseat

And if the French are right in saying Hizbullah military activities will end after the IDF withdraws from South Lebanon, why do its leaders continue to rail against the "Zionist entity's" very existence and preach about preparing for "Jerusalem's liberation" from the Zionists?

If intermediaries know what they are talking about when they say the most we can achieve in current circumstances is a reconfirmation of the understanding that Hizbullah will not shell MOSHE ZAK

Galilee towns and villages in return for Israel's promise not to bombard civilian villages north of the security zone, how can IDF and South Lebanon Army soldiers in the zone defend themselves against Hizbullah attacks? How can they return fire with 100 percent guarantees that no civilian will be harmed in the artillery

SLA troops paid the price with heavy casualties when they could not retaliate with massive bombardments lest they harm residents of Lebanese villages beyond the security zone.

A new accommodation for a cease-fire in the North, if it can be attained, must be detached from Israeli electoral considerations. The argument that Iran's

If it does not want a widespread military confrontation in Lebanon, the government must act right away

AN ACCOMMODATION with Syria does not guarantee the end of terror attacks in the North. The proof is that the pact with the PLO has not ended terrorist strikes from the territories under the Palestinian Authority's control; and though Ashkelon is not being shelled by Katyushas from Gaza, the Palestinian terrorists have developed an alternative suicide attackers reaching longerrange targets. The understanding worked out

after Operation Accountability through the Syrians and Americans, obligating the pro-Iranian terrorist group not to fire Katyushas into Galilee, no longer exists. While that deal afforded northern residents many nights of not sleeping in shelters, IDF and

main motive in encouraging Islamic terrorism against Jews is to bring down the government is one side of the coin. This introduces Arab and Islamic elements into the election.

The other side is promoting the delusion that Hamas and the Islamic Iihad can be convinced, through the PLO, to waive terrorist activity against Israel until election day, May 29. Creating such a linkage between our elections and Palestinian terrorism exposes the government's Achilles heel which both Hizbullah and the Palestinians know how to exploit in order to extract concessions.

No stable cease-fire will be obtained by Israeli approaches to diplomatic intermediaries; these are interpreted by Iran, Syria and ist, comments on current affairs.

Lebanon as signs of Israeli weakness. Israel must convince them, through nondiplomatic means as

well, of the need for a cease-fire. And when the premier explains terrorist actions on the northern . border as an attempt by Iran to snuff out his government, Hizbullah reaches the opposite conclusion: the government in Jerusalem is very worried about the possibility that the election results will be determined by the . frequency of terrorist attacks before May 29. Accordingly, Hizbullah is compelled not to miss a single opportunity to press Israel by forcing Galilee residents . to descend to their shelters.

Israel has tried as hard as she can to avoid a blowup on the northern border, but Hizbullah's leaders perceive this as an example of Israel having her hands tied . and of the US's unwillingnessthat '. to permit Israel to take any military initiative to root out the terrorists in Lebanon.

For the sake of the peace of her Galilee citizens, and the safety of . her soldiers in the security zone, Israel has no choice but to prove to Hizbuliah that its conclusions are wrong. If Hizbullah, Lebanon and Syria are not persuaded by Israel's declarations about her options to act against terrorism in the North, the situation could deteriorate. Anyone who does not want a widespread military confrontation must act right away to preempt the escalation.

The writer, a veteran journal-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DERFNER'S MCCARTHYISM

Sir. - Larry Derfner's contention (Opinion, Apr. 11) that Israel's elite votes Labor while its dregs vote Likud is quintessential McCarthyism. As Derfner himself admits, it is based not on studies but on "axioms" – a euphemism for politically correct biases. It is also supercilious, condescending and inaccurate - a typical example of the left's insufferable hubris.

Studies, not "axioms," show that almost all Israeli Arabs, who do not serve in the army and whose allegience to the state is questionable. will vote for Peres. So will all former supporters of the second for perhaps first) greatest murderer in mer has had enough decency to history, Joseph Stalin. But only a devout McCarthvite would warn potential Labor voters against being associated with such people.

Sir, - I am referring to Bibi Nc-

Our undoubtedly just insistence

on the abolishment of the Palestine

Covenant, calling for the destruction

of Israel, made me think of the fol-

lowing: Would someone please en-

CORRECTION

Sir, - In Bill Hutman's report

headlined "Police block conference

in East Jerusalem" (March 24), you

quote a press release of the Alterna-

tive Information Center referring

wrongly to "Dr. Khalil Nakhleh, a

local representative of the European

I am not the local representative

of the European Community. I am a

Palestinian anthropologist specializ-

ing in development. I was invited to

participate in the above-mentioned

conference in my personal, profes-

DR. KHALIL NAKHLEH

sional and intellectual capacity.

tanyahu's recent and much publi-

cized visit with Crown Prince Has-

san of Jordan.

Community.

There are also studies which show that among the country's "elite" -

the university graduates Derfner is certain always vote for Labor - a majority of scientists (who deal with reality, not wishful thinking) vote right, while a majority of philosophers, humanists, artists and other dreamers vote left. It brings to mind that George Bernard Shaw, one of the century's greatest intellectuals, worshipped two political leaders: Mussolini and Stalin.

The only difference between the blubbering 'kike'-bating Marlon Brando and the arrogant 'dregs'hating Larry Derfner is that the forapologize.

ADINA STEELE

lighten me at which convention the

Likud (or Herut for that matter)

amended its covenant ("The Jordan

has two banks and both are ours")?

EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS

Sir, - I fail to understand why our

Foreign Ministry officials insist on

urging Egyptian emissaries to visit

Yad Vashem. Do they really believe

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr

Moussa cares whether six million

Jews or 10 million Jews were

slaughtered? Given the choice, he

would probably prefer the latter.

Yad Vashem means nothing to

little pride and self-respect and

cease pressing these visits on people

who simply do not have the capacity

to appreciate the significance of Yad

DORITH WEISS

Why don't our officials show a

plain that to Prince Hassan?

And how on earth did Bibi ex-

DAVID RUBINGER

Jerusalem.

REVISION

SLEAZY GARBAGE Sir, - The Post's publishing of

Larry Derfiner's sleazy garbage on the op-ed page (April 11) is really the last straw. Not only is it real sleaze, it has nothing to do with journalism, nor facts, nor even thoughtful opinion. It is simply an insult to your readers, to whom you owe an apology for accepting this disgusting piece of slander.

If this is how low the Post can sink, I'll be trying harder to read the Hebrew papers from now on. MARILYN MAGEN

'JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE - AND BEEN SEEN'

Sir. - So, Leah Rabin is not happy about the fact that Yigal Amir's trial was so protracted. For an answer, she would be well advised to read your front-page article by Yoram Shachar in your issue of March 28. One wishes to empathize with Mrs. Rabin, but every time she

opens her mouth, she reduces the amount of compassion one would like to feel for her. IRMA KAINE

OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY

- The Jerusalem Post has

rendered a signal service to the country with its editorial of March 25, "No to a defense pact," which has shown up American Middle East policy of wanting Israel to go back to the pre-1967 borders, agree to a Palestinian state with part of Jerusalem as its capital and also of course ceding the Golan in return for a defense pact, which would deprive us of our freedom of action and is opposed by our realistic defense establishment. And our prime minister will do precisely that if he is re-

cisely nothing at all. Does anyone really believe that giving up everything will lead to peace? Have we lost all touch with reality?

elected. All our hard-fought-for ad-

vantages will be given up for pre-

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JAY BUSHINSKY

French comeback to the similarly-minded exiles to rally Middle East not only as an enthuaround him and made him accessisiastic trading partner, but also as an influential participant in ble to sympathetic French politi-Gaullists.

The French leader's call for the restoration of a sovereign, independent Lebanon was not mere rhetoric. It had far-reaching implications both for Syria and Israel to the extent that the restoration of the Lebanese republic's integrity and authority is one of the main prerequisites for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanese

regional politics.

President Jacques Chirac is laying the groundwork for a

Indeed, Chirac specified Israel's presence in southern Lebanon by citing the UN resolution that refers to an Israeli pullout, but refrained from mention of a concomitant Syrian withdrawai. But some of his actions made up for the missing words, especially his visit to the patriarch of the Maronite Church, Archbishop

Nor have Lebanon's beleaguered Christians forgotten the fact that the French Embassy in Beirut not only gave refuge to their most intrepid anti-Syrian military personality, General Michel Aoun, but it also spirited him out of the country, gave him political asylum in Paris, allowed

cians, especially the latter-day Chirac deliberately ruffled Beirut's Syrian overlords by

declaring that the Lebanese people should be enabled to choose their leaders by means of a free election under international supervision.

live in the new Palestinian autonomy join their coreligionists at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher during Easter Week.

The French president's trip to Egypt made it clear that France, which has been involved in Middle Eastern affairs much longer than the United States or Russia, intends to play a more active role during Chirac's presi-

France intends to play a more active role in the Middle East during Chirac's presidency than under his Fifth Republic predecessors

IN SAYING this, he may well have had the recent West Bank-Gaza Strip poll in mind. But the recurring theme of this French journey to Lebanon and Egypt, two Middle Eastern states with which France has bad close cultural ties for the past 800 years, was her status as a European power passionately concerned about the fate of Middle Eastern Christendom. This was the presidential rationale for his appeal to Israel to let the Christians who

dency than under his Fifth Republic predecessors.

This could explain his recommendation, made with his Egyptian host, President Hosni Mubarak at his side, that the negotiations between Israel and Syria be resumed this month or in early May rather than "delaying them till after the Israeli elections" or letting the US election set the diplomatic clock back even further. Chirac's advice is unlikely to be heeded, however.

At the practical level, Chirac's

primary objective was to help the tacts it has had with Lebanon and

France played a central role in Lebanon's Maronites and Egypt's Copts, as exemplified by UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali.

Meanwhile, France is anxiously awaiting the end of the "double containment" policy pursued by the US against Iraq and Iran, which Paris, like Moscow, oppos-

That is why the Confederation of French Industries and Services International sent a 40-member delegation to Baghdad to make sure French exporters have the inside track when the embargo against trade with Iraq is lifted - a move that could revive Iraq's economic and political links with Lebanon and exacerbate its rivalry with Syria, because of Iraq's support of Aoun and the Maronite

The writer is a freelancer.

POSTSCRIPTS

A DUTCH cult is reportedly planning to travel to Petra on Sunday to commit mass suicide.

According to widespread reports in Holland, the 100 members of the cult, called Foundation Immanuel, believe they have already died, and therefore life has no value. They believe Sunday is Judgment Day; why they

chose Petra is unknown. The sect is headed by Wim Grifficen, a bookkeeper who found religion and now believes and has convinced others - that he is the reincarnation of Jesus.

The cult members have severed all links with family, friends and neighbors, for they believe that the world is evil and sinful.

Dutch authorities are concerned but cannot prevent the group from traveling to Petra. Jordanian authorities are taking the reports seriously: its ambassador in The Hague advised the Dutch Foreign Ministry that Jor-

dan will act swiftly to block the cult from the country if its members act suspicious. Henriette Boas

JUST AS she picked up the phone, Anita Riggins awas ordered to "Hang up. You are our prisoner."

She locked her door and called the San Francisco police, which sent a SWAT team which surrounded the house and evacuated the neighbors, then stormed the house when they heard gunshots, whereupon they found the source of Anita's terror: her husband was watching cops and robbers

A similar sort of mishap occurred in Bournemouth, England. A helpful passerby called police upon hearing a woman repeatedly shouting "Help!" in her home. Police raced to the scene and burst in to the house - finding the "victim" in the shower, singing loudly to a record of the Beatles' song "Help."

STUDENTS IN France don't, seem to know their Scriptures very well, judging by the following answers to test questions. But it sure is a lot more colorful this

• Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of

Lot's wife was a pillar of sait by day and a ball of fire by night. The Jews had trouble throughout their history with the unsym-

pathetic Genitals. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles. • Unleavened bread is bread

made without ingredients. ● Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10

The seventh commandment is: Though shall not admit adultery. Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

 David fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times. Solomon had 300 wives and

700 porcupines. • Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. • The people who followed Jesus

were called the 12 decibels. The epistles-were the wives of the apostles.

One of the oppositions was St. Matthew • Salome danced in 7 yeals in

front of king Harrod's. Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

• A Christian should have only

one wife. That is called moneio-

Barbara and Gershon Huberman

A French comeback

Egypt for the past 200 years.

developing their banking systems : and commercial techniques. Although French culture has lost ground to its English-speaking rivals, first the British and now the Americans, it still has a grip on

Christians still loyal to him.

More than a gimmick

the only truly novel element in Shimon Peres's proposal for a referendum on the final settlement with the Palestinians is its timing. Its origins go back to 1974, when the National Religious Party entered the Labor-led coalition on the basis of an agreement that there would be no commitment on withdrawal from Judea and Samaria without new elections or NRP approval.

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No wonder NRP leader Zevulun Hammer has readily accepted the Peres proposal. If Peres is elected prime minister, the NRP would probably insist on some such procedural mechanism as a condition for joining his government. Thus, at one level, the initiative is the opening move in coalition negotiations with the religious parties. No wonder it was angrily denounced by Meretz leader Yossi Sarid. He realizes the proposal is not a simple election gimmick

But to Binyamin Netanyahn, that's all it is -a gimmick that shifts the emphasis away from policy and turns the election into a choice of leaders. Is Netanyahn having second thoughts about his support for direct election of the prime minister?

Both Meretz and the Likud. argue that the coming elections will determine the shape of the final settlement. Both are half right. The coming elections will set the direction. Negotiations will define the results.

The approaching elections will provide the mandate to negotiate. According to the Oslo Declaration of Principles, the final agreement is scheduled for May 1999, three years from now. No one can predict its ultimate form. Flexibility is inherent in what has been a. trial-and-error process from the

While insisting on flexibility, Peres also seeks to strengthen his own credibility as a negotiator both with his own people and with the Palestinians. On the home front, he gives reassurance against . ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

a sellont by the self-denying declaration that he won't use a parhamentary steamroller to push through the final deal. To the other side, he comes armed with a powerful weapon - the need for popular approval. He is, in effect, telling Yasser Arafat what Arafat has been telling him: There are limits beyond which he can't go.

If the ratification of the final settlement agreement is by a decision of the Knesset, it should be by a decision of the Knesset elect-ed after the conclusion of negotiations. This would meet the needs of the Israeli negotiator. It would also accord with the spirit of the 1974 coalities accord to the spirit of 1974 coalition agreement with the

The referendum carries with it both promise and risk

EXCEPT in very exceptional cases, parliamentary approval should be preferable to a referendum. Referenda are manipulable. When there are low levels of participation, they are dubiously representative.

But, as the distinguished historian David Schoenbaum puts it, a settlement with the Palestinians is not exactly like legalized slot machines. Considering what's at stake, the highest level of legiti-macy, through direct popular approval, should be the objective. In a final settlement with the Palestinians, sovereignty itself is at issue. Even in Britain, with its jealously protected parliamentary prerogatives, a popular referendum was held to approve accession to the European Community. The Maastricht agreement on a European monetary system was the subject of popular referenda

in several Western European parliamentary democracies. One test of the utility of a refer-

endum on a final settlement is a worst case scenario, in which the country is almost exactly evenly divided. In one scenario, the final settlement is approved by the Knesset by a one-vote margin. In the alternative scenario, it is approved by a comparable percentage of the popular vote. Both scenarios spell danger to the political system as a whole. However, assuming, as is likely, maximum popular participation, popular approval would achieve a higher

level of legitimacy. Fortunately, this worst case scenario is unlikely to come to pass. At a pragmatic level, the lines of settlement with the Palestinians are gradually achieving significant gains in popular approval. Even among leaders in the socalled national camp, let alone among their supporters, ideological intransigence is waning. The meetings of settlement leaders with Palestinian leadership are one indication.

Reactions to the Hamas outrages are also significant. True, there is a popular demand for freedom of military action. However, there has been no audible call for a reoccupation of Gaza or other Palestinian population centers. Opposition to rule over another people is on its way to becoming part of the national con-

The referendum carries with it both promise and risk. The promise is that mass approval of a fully negotiated settlement will mark a turning point in the ideological cleavage in Israeli politics. The risk: another step toward populism, like primaries and the direct election of the prime minister, a tool in the hands of a popularly elected prime minister to circurrivent opposition in a recalcitrant Knesset.

The writer is a legal and political



When friends differ

the conflict between settling old grievances and protecting current and future interests is one which often arises in issues related to the Holocaust. To what extent should old scores be settled when resolving them might have a negative effect on contemporary Israeli and/or Jewish interests?

This question has plagued the efforts to prosecute Nazi war criminals for many years and has undoubtedly reduced the number of Holocaust perpetrators ultimately brought to justice. A recent example concerned the case of Adolf Eichmann's trusted subordinate Alois Brunner. It was known that Brunner had resided for many years in Damascus, where he assisted the Syrian regime in various aspects of its repressive policies. Thus when Israel and Syria began their negotiations in 1991, Nazi-hunters were among those who urged Israel to demand

Brunner's extradition. While a very good case could be presented for such a step. Israeli leaders thought otherwise. According to a letter from Israel's Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich to Rabbi Marvin Hier in late 1993, the time had not yet come to raise the issue. To the best of our knowledge, that time has still not come, at least from Israel's point of view, and it is not clear if it ever will. Aging Nazis have rarely interested Israeli policymakers, especially if prosecution efforts exacted a price, diplomatic or otherwise.

I was reminded of this during a

EFRAIM ZUROFF

recent visit to Costa Rica. I went there to try and influence the local government to deport or extradite Bogdan Koziy, a Ukrainian Nazi war criminal who is living with his wife in Aleuela, not far from the capital of San Jose. Koziy escaped

discovered and murdered at least 14 Jews. Among his victims was Monika Zinger, the four-year-old daughter of the local doctor whom Koziy shot at point-blank range in the town's main street, near the local police station.

Other victims were members,

among them children, of the

Kandler, Bredgoltz and Rosiner

families. According to one testimo-

ny, he took the bodies of his vic-

proudly posed with the corpses.

tims to the local cemetery where he

Given the crimes committed by

Koziy, his continued residence,

unprosecuted, in Costa Rica is a

travesty of justice. If we add the

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to Costa Rica following his denaturalization in the United States and all previous efforts to take action against him have failed, including an extradition request from the Soviet Union.

Part of the problem apparently is that Costa Rica has long been considered one of Israel's most loyal friends and since it is one of only two countries to maintain an embassy in Jerusalem, Israel and Jewish groups have been reluctant to apply any sort of serious pres-

sure regarding this issue. During World War II, Koziy served as a Ukrainian policeman in the Stanislawow district of Eastern Galicia. He was stationed in Lysiec, a shtetl with several hundred Jews most of whom were deported to the Stanislawow Ghetto or the Belzec death camp. Koziy's job was to find Jews in

hiding in Lysiec and during the years 1942-1943 he personally

friends in Costa Rica politely but firmly to either put him on trial (an unlikely prospect) or declare him persona non grata and kick him out of the country, a step which will ultimately result in his expulsion to the Ukraine. Koziy enjoys the strong support of Roman Arrieta, the bishop of

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San Jose, although local leaders realize that his presence can easily be turned into a political liability on the international scene. We must therefore make clear that while we understand that friends sometimes make mistakes, this is a case in which even our warm relations with Costa Rica cannot allow us to ignore the fact that the country continues to afford shelter to the lowly murderer of little Monica Zinger and many other innocent victims.

fact that he is only 73, it becomes

worthy of our attention. Under

these circumstances, there is a

legitimate basis to appeal to our

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The slavery of silent suffering

the last day of Pessah com-memorates the crossing of GERALD M. the Red Israelites walked through the parted waters, and then saw the waters close on Pharach's army. On the other side, with the sea dividing them from the Egyptians and their ordeal finally over, Moses and the Children of Israel suddenly found their collective voice. In a radical departure from the narrative of the Torah and the drama of the Exodus, the Torah gives us a song. of celebration and freedom.

This vocal celebration of God's victory over Pharaoh provides a stark contrast to the silence of the slaves that we find at the beginning of the Exoches story. The enslavement, the taskmasters, the continuously increasing oppression, and even the drowning of first-born sons did not elicit any response from the Israelites. It was only when Pharaoh died and yet another regime began, without an end to the oppression, that the Jews finally showed some sign of life. The story of the Exodus begins when all of the Children of Israel "sighed" with pain from their work, and this cry reached God, and thus, the process of divine intervention was triggered. In response to this collective

sigh, Moses was ordered from his desert retreat to Pharaoh's palace to demand freedom, but the slaves failed to accept his leadership. From their perspective, the efforts of Moses only brought greater oppression and suffering. It was only after the plagues and battles between God and Pharaoh that the Children of Israel began to have some hope, until, after the Slaying of the First Born, they were finally allowed to go free. At each stage, the Children of Israel became increasingly articulate and their voices grew louder, until finally, after crossing the Red Sea, they sang collectively and triumphantly.

Three thousand years later, the Zionist movement and Israel were born out of a sigh of pain and suffering. For many years, the traditional Jewish leadership, both reli**STEINBERG**

gious and secular, ridiculed or condemned the efforts of Herzl and other Zionist leaders. Like the slaves in Egypt, the "old guard" feared and could not comprehend the revolutionary concepts of political Zionism, sovereignty and freedom.

Slowly and painfully, Jewish support for Zionism grew, until finally, in May 1948, the State of Israel was established. As in the Exodus from Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea, the celebration of the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora was heard throughout the world.

Jews who are silent will never be free

YET NOW, not even 50 years since the rebirth of our independence, we have lost our voice again, and are in danger of losing our freedom. As in the cras of pogroms and the Holocaust, Jews are again an object of pity and sympathy. Terrorism and violence has left Israelis and Jews silent and speechless. Our leaders (and the all-knowing columnists and television news broadcasters) tell us to be noble in our mourning, and not to introduce politics (i.e., criticism of the government) when we should be discussing death and suffering. On one popular talk show (Popolitika), a bereaved relative and recent immigrant had the nerve to talk about Zionism, and the brash commentator told him that politics (i.e., Zionism) was inappropriate at a time like this.

This response to terrorism and murder is linked intellectually to the self-styled New Historians and the fad of "post-Zionism," a form of political self-abnegation

that is essentially a form of Jewish and Israeli anti-Zionism.

cal and political vacuum reminiscent of much of Jewish intellectual activity during the 2,000 years of the Diaspora, is that with the creation of the Jewish state. Zionism has fulfilled its objectives. Now, the post-Zionists declare, our goals should shift to "compensating" the Palestinians for their suffering, and "normalizing" Israel by erasing its Jewish character. Jews should again

become invisible and silent. Here again, the lessons and historical perspective of the Exodus from Egypt are useful. The story of the Exodus did not end with the midnight departure from Egypt or the glorious celebration after crossing the Red Sea.

Having found their voices, some of the freed slaves (the New Historians of their time) soon forgot the miracles that had liberated them, and began to rebel. Others could not adjust to the new conditions, and longed for the return to the "normalcy" of slavery in Egypt, where at least they had gartic and squash to eat. This led to 40 years of wandering in the desert, until the generation of slaves had died and a new generation could enter and settle the Land of Israel.

The events of the Exodus began with the collective sighs of slavery and oppression, and reached their climax in the celebration after crossing the Red Sea. Unity, leadership, and collective action (and divine intervention) provided the necessary elements for freedom from slavery.

Now, we are again told that silent suffering and external sympathy will provide the release from the oppression of terrorism and hatred. If we have learned anything from our history, it is that Jews who are silent will never be free.

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Haredi political wrangling goes down to the wire

THE haredi parties were still wrangling over who will be running with whom, and who will be placed on which lists, up to the end of last night's deadline for

submitting party slates.

Agudat Yisrael and Degel Hatorah signed an agreement to run together on Tuesday, but the agreement was jeopardized a few hours later when it was made known that Rabbi Yehezkel Ashayik, a widely respected

ALL the parties who wish to run in the Knesset elections were

obliged to file their lists with the

Central Elections Committee by

Shas and United Torah Judaism

were slow in reaching the CEC

headquarters, although they were

expected to present their lists late last night after settling the

A parade of mainly small parties

midnight last night.

Sephardi rabbi and close confidant of Rabbi Eliezer Schach, was to be placed second on a new haredi list, headed by Shas renegade Yosef Azran.

Parties rush to meet registration deadline

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continued to pass through the Knesset compound throughout the

day to submit their lists. These

included Meretz, Hadash, the

United Arab List, Unity for

Immigration, the party for men's

rights, the National Religious

Party and MK Yosef Ba-Gad's

Once a list has been submitted

independent party.

Ashayik's placement on Azran's list is significant, because it will give the list Schach's backing and credibility in the haredi world. Not only will the new list - Telem Emunah - compete head on with

Shas for the Sephardi haredi vote, but Agudat Yistael fears it will also take votes from its joint list with Degel Hatorah, United Torah

Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages met and reaffirmed their decision to run together with Degel yesterday, but this only after Degel's leading rabbis - Nissim Karelitz, Aharon Lev Steinman,

to the CEC, the names and order

The symbolic 117th position on

the Labor list was given to Yuval

Rabin, the son of the late prime

of the candidates are binding.

and Yosef Shalom Elyahsiv agreed to issue a circular calling on their Ashkenazi followers to vote for the united haredi party. Nevertheless, Agudat Yisrael chairman Moshe Ze'ev Feldman said that if Degel Hatorah, which is also under Schach's patronage, does not convince Ashayik to withdraw his candidacy, then Agudat Yisrael may not run with Degel Hatorah. The issue was still pending late last night.

terday elected by a large majority to slot 25 on Labor's Knesset list, reserved for a representative of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Shortly after the final results were published, Labor's Knesset

SOFIA (Sofa) Landver was yes-

Faction Chairman Ra'anan Cohen presented the party's Knesset list to the Central Elections Committee. Landver got 2,623 votes, leav-

ing her main rivals. Ronen Flot (1,090 votes) and Sergio Michaeli, far behind. Nine candidates vied for the slot.

Children's theater prizes awarded

Sofia Landver wins

Less than a third of the 17,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union took part in the vote, which was held in 40 polling booths throughout the country.

The booths were closed at 4 p.m. and the vote results, which were counted manually and transferred from the various polling stations to the office of Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli by telephone and fax, were pub-lished an hourand-a-half later.

reserved Labor slot Landver, better known as Prime Minister Shimon Peres's Russian teacher several years ago, immigrated from Leningrad in 1979 and settled in Ashdod, where she serves on the city council as chairperson of Labor's municipal faction and chairperson of the municipal absorption

committee. She is also a member of the board of the Company for the Development of Ashdod and a member of the national council for immigration absorption.

Court rules Likud must move Assad up

THE Nazareth District Court issued an interim injunction yesterday afternoon that would move MK Assad Assad from slot No. 46, which Assad said is unrealistic, to slot No. 32 on the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher list.

Michaeli), Best Playwright (Yankele Yakobson), and Best Set Design (Freda Shoham). Best Lighting Design went to Hani Vardi, who also won for Yelda Zo Lo Acitz (A Child Isn't aFlowerpot). Best Actress tion to the NIS 12,000 Yaron Yerushalmi Prize for Best Production, it received Best Director (Daniella went to Talia Shapira for the same play. Helen Kaye Frenzy of looting grips

Haketz shel Ha'etz (The End of the Tree) ran off with most of the prizes at the Haifa Children's

Theater Festival which ended last Tuesday. In addi-

Third Way presents its Knesset list

THE Third Way yesterday pre-sented its list of 52 candidates for the upcoming elections. The top 15 names on the list, in

order, are: Avigdor Kahalani; Yehuda Harel; Emanuel Zissman; Prof. Alex Lubotsky; Uzi Keren;

Eli Malka; Amira Perlov; Kamal Fares; Ra'anan Levy; Elyashiv Shimshi: Rina Sha'ashua-Hasson; Avi Karlevsky; Yishai Ben-Tzedek: Shimon Perry: and Yuli

GANGS of Liberian militia blasted their way through gates with rocket-propelled grenades and carried off their spoils in UN vehicles as fighting in the capital Monrovia turned into a frenzy of looting vesterday.

The US diverted the amphibious assault ship Guam from the Adriatic to help evacuate foreigners. Residents confined to their homes since fighting erupted on Saturday complained food and water were running short.

"There has been widespread looting, it's a fact that some apartments have been looted and some vehicles have been stolen," said US Embassy spokesman Dudley Sims. "I can hear gun-

Witnesses said looters had attacked the Lebanese school next to the US embassy in the Mamba Point district and were using vehicles from the United Nations military observer mission to carry off their spoils.

"I can see the looters using their vehicles. They are from militias. It's impossible to tell which militia is looting," said one witness. Major Lewis Boone, spokesman

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Liberian capital

for the evacuation operation in Sierra Leone's capital Freetown. said the amphibious assault ship Guarn and two other vessels were: heading from the Adriatic to West Africa.

He said 500 to 600 Marines would travel with the ships, which could take a week to arrive.

The stench of rotting bodies filled the Monrovia air as the bands of armed thugs roamed the streets, looting and smashing cars and shop windows.

This is the rebels' livelihood: to loot and kill, "said a Lebanese businessman, Peter Barbar.

Exactly how many people have been killed in the five days of fighting between rebels and government troops is unclear. Red Cross workers, for the first

time since the fighting broke out Saturday, began to venture out yesterday. One worker, James Jallah, said he counted 16 bodies

Hundreds of foreigners lined up outside the US Embassy, hoping for lifts on helicopters out of the capital to Freetown.

The only international airport has been destroyed. The control tower was bombed, UN-donated helicopters and a commercial jet lay gutted on the tarmac.

All seven radio stations have gone off the air because of fuel shortages and food is being rationed at the plush Mamba Point Hotel, where more than 500 people are holed up.

Tanks from a West African peacekeeping force patrolled parts of Monrovia after the warring factions appeared to reach a tenuous cease-fire.

The seven-year conflict among seven rebel factions has killed more than 150,000 people in the West African nation and left at least half the country's 2.3 million people homeless.

Fighting in the impoverished country - founded by freed American slaves - broke out again Saturday when government troops tried to force rebel leader Roosevelt Johnson from his home in suburban Monrovia.

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Korea's ruling party dominates

PRESIDENT Kim Young-sam's governing party appeared headed toward victory in yesterday's parliamentary election after an unexpected boost by a belligerent

North Korea. Exit polls showed Kim's party likely to win 175 seats in the 299member unicameral General current slim majority of 150.

The National Congress for New Politics, headed by Kim's chief rival and three-time presidential candidate Kim Dae-jung, was trailing in second place with 72 seats, the polls showed.

For Kim Dae-jung, 71, his party's dismal showing likely spelled the end of any hope he had of being nominated for a fourth run for the presidency next year. Exit polling was conducted for

the first time in South Korea by the nation's three major television networks. They put the margin of error at 4.3 percent.

The polls showed the United Liberal Democrats, headed by another presidential aspirant, Kim

party officials attribute the New SEQUL Korea Party's surprising success

Many observers, however, had predicted Kim's party would lose its majority, taking the steam out of his reform campaign. The party lost badly in municipal elections

If Pyongyang thought it could influence the elections with military moves and bellicose rhetoric, the effort backfired, politicians to the North Korean troop incursions into Panmuniom village and Pyongyang's war talk.
"We believe we got about 5-10

seats more because of the North Korean issue, and it boosted us especially in Seoul," said ruling Up to 20 percent of voters were reported undecided on the eve of

the election and a majority of them apparently were swayed by what Kim's supporters portrayed as a real threat from the North. The diplomat could not explain why Pyongvang thought it could scare voters. "It's a weird mix of

signals," he said. "It's political theatre with military actors. "They tried to fool around with

the election, especially with pro-paganda broadcasts," he said. But I can't credit them with that level of sophistication."

The incursions began Friday and ended Sunday. US officials, saw no threat of renewed hostili-

Hardline Serb stance worries

"What we are seeing certainly is a re-emergence of the hardline group, which is disquieting and raises important questions about the Dayton agreement," Colum Murphy, a spokesman for the international High Representative

post-war reconstruction aid conference in Brussels today.

arately.
"What we have been told is that Dr Karadzic has issued instructions to the (Bosnian Serb) interlocutors with whom we have been

Bosnian Serb prime minister Rajko Kasagic, considered a pragmatist, agreed last month on a formula for attending the Brussels conference but Karadzic forced him to renege, diplomats said.

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Jong-pil, winning 33 seats. The Democratic Party was winning 11 and independents 8.

About 500 students protesting the results clashed with police, throwing hundreds of firebombs in running battles near a Seoul university campus. Police retaliated with tear gas. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Kim had been hoping a strong showing by his New Korea Party would serve as an endorsement of the wide-ranging economic and political forms enacted during his first three years in office.

and diplomats agreed yesterday.

about the blackmailer or the

bombing campaign that began just before Christmas 1994. In the Unabomber hunt, US

police last week arrested a man

they believed terrorised univer-

sities and businesses he accused

of ruining the environment.

Three people were killed and 22

injured during his 18-year cam-

paign.
British police said they were

taking the blackmailer's threats

very seriously. One woman suf-

fered minor burns when a device exploded while she was opening a

package sent through the post.

"Any person who sends home-

Both ruling and opposition Now Britain has

'Unabomber' LONDON (Reuter) - Police stepped up a search yesterday for a mystery blackmailer who mailed more than two dozen parcel bombs to London financial institutions in an elaborate plot.

Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist squad is investigating home-made devices dispatched over the past 16 months in a case strikingly similar to America's Unabomber. Newspapers said the blackmailer, using the codename "Mardine Graham or Mardi Gras," sent par-

cel bombs to branches of Barclays Bank, businesses and individuals. "There is an ongoing investiga-tion into extortion threats made to several major financial organiza-

tions," police said.
"We are not documenting who

is or isn't targeted," a police spokesman said, adding "there is more than one" financial institution involved.

made bombing devices through the post is considered dangerous," a police spokesman said.

Barclays acknowledged it has increased security measures since December 1994, but would not divulge details because of the police investigation. Police refused to give details

Clinton gets cameo role in movie WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will make a cameo appearance in a television movie about a child with terminal cancer who wants

Clinton agreed to the role because it reinforces the importance of the

Family and Medical Leave Act, White House press secretary Mike

McCurry said today. "It's not going to be on until long after the election, so we don't see any [problem]." he said.

The 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act requires employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave a year to workers who need time off during a family emergency to care for an ailing spouse, parent or child. Clinton's scene in the CBS movie, A Child's Wish, will be shot in the next few weeks. McCurry said Clinton will be paid union rate, \$500, but will donate the money to a private foundation helping terminally ill children.

mediators

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Serb nationalists who want a sovereign Serb state in Bosnia are resurfacing to obstruct the Dayton peace agreement, an international mediator said yesterday.

to Bosnia, told a news conference in Sarajevo. Murphy said Bosnian Serb "president" Radovan Karadzic was behind a Serb decision to refuse an invitation to attend a

The Serbs declined to attend the conference as part of an overall delegation representing Bosnia, saying they should be treated sep-

dealing." Murphy said.

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Iran and Syria: A stable alliance against Israel

Even if Jerusalem and Damascus forge a peace accord, this is not likely to upset Iran's alliance with Syria and Hizbullah. Steve Rodan reports

TWO years ago, Hizbullah was declared terminally ill. As Israeli government sources saw it, the Lebanese Shi'ite organization would be an early victim of the expected Israeli-Syrian peace

Today, Hizbullah is very much alive. It is the leading force in south Lebanon and receives close to \$100 million a year from Iran and wide latitude from Syria. US intelligence officials say. Hizbullah's huge network in Latin America was responsible for the bombings of the Israeli Embassy. and Jewish community offices in Buenos Aires in the early 1990s.

Even Hizbullah's longtime rival, the Syrian-aligned Amal militia, has bowed to its dominance. Amal now coordinates its attacks on the IDF and South Lebanese Army with Hizbullah in an effort to push the Israeli army from south

So, where did the Israeli assessment go wrong? Arab and Western analysis say the biggest mistake. was the forecast that Syria would. abandon Iran as its main ally as peace with Israel approaches.

"From both Iran's and Syria's perspectives, an Arab-Israeli settlement is unlikely to affect their mutual interest in maintaining their relationship in the short to medium term," according to a study by the London-based Royal Institute of International Affairs, authored by Hussein Agha and Ahmad Khalidi.

So far, the alliance between Iran and Syria has endured despite the incompatible policies of the two regimes. Iran might be an Islamic republic and Syria a secular nationalist state, but the two countries have demonstrated that they have brisk trade relations as well as a high degree of coordination on

For Syria. Iran represents strategic depth at a time when it no has an alliance with

Moscow or the cash to buy Western weapons. Iran has provided Syria with cheap oil, easy credit, and extensive contacts with

arms suppliers. For Iran, Syria is its ticket to the Arab world. Damascus also allows Teheran to gnaw at Israel's border in south Lebanon at a time when fran feels threatened by what it sees as the Israeli-led efforts to stop the Islamic republic's nuclear

weapons program. "Iran now sees Israel as trying to establish a nuclear monopoly in the Middle East," an Iranian source with close ties to the government says. "The franian program has nothing to do with Israel, but by recruiting a worldwide effort Israel is now seen as an enemy."

Take the military aspect of the Iranian-Syrian alliance. Both countries coordinated negotiations with North Korea over the sale of the Scud C missile, which has a range of 900 kilometers. Iran and Syria have been receiving Scud Cs since the early 1990s, with Damascus being the first recipient in 1991 and Teheran obtaining

them a year later. Moreover, Western and Israeli sources say North Korea and Iran have been collaborating on Scud C missile assembly plants at two facilities near Aleppo and Hama. Components for the missiles have been shipped to Syria via Iran and test firings were conducted in both

Western intelligence sources suspect that since at least 1993 Iran and Syria have been cooperating to develop cruise missiles, with technology coming from Europe and

THE TWO countries also share the same Palestinian allies, namely organizations - such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril - which reject any accord with Israel.

Iran's attempts to forge an alliance with the Palestinians are said to have several aims, the most important of which is to obtain influence in the Arab Sunni world.

Another aim is to demonstrate the contrast between revolutionary Iran and the conservative Arab regimes, particularly Teheran's neighbors in the Persian Gulf. Earlier this month, a commentator on state-run Iranian radio warned Arab countries against "approaching or establishing any contact with the Zionist regime in Israel. Differences exist between Arab governments in the region and their peoples regarding the contacts that these official regimes

hold with the Zionist regime." Analysts say that without Iran's fervent adoption of the Palestinian cause Teheran's relations with Damascus could probably not have withstood the strains of the Iran-Iraq war. Syria was the only Arab country to support Shi ite Iran against Sunni Iraq.

In their study, Agha and Khalidi say the Iranian leadership bases its policy toward Israel on the fundamental assumption that Israel is not interested in true peace. Therefore, any concessions offered to Israel, such as recognition or peaceful coexistence, are regarded as a betrayal of Arab-Moslem historical rights as well as self-defeat-

"In broad terms, therefore, the Iranian position brooks no political resolution that precludes the restitution of Palestine to its rightful owners and the right of the refugees to return to their homeland," the study says.

But the argument within Iran has been how far should the Islamic regime take its fight with Israel. The Khomeinist position, adopted by those regarded as the radical clerics, advocates that Iran play a

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leading role in a total military struggle. This is supported by elements within the armed forces as

well as the Revolutionary Guard. The position of Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani is to leave the struggle largely to the Palestinians and Syria. Indeed. Rafsanjani is said to have reduced the number of Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon since 1989 in his effort to gain Iranian acceptance in the international community, particularly

Instead, Rafsanjani has chosen to fight Israel by proxy. largely through Hizbullah, a move trumpeted by Teheran as proof of its commitment to the Moslem struggle against Israel.

But over the past year, the radicals have gained in prominence. They argued that Rafsanjani's policy of seeking rapprochement with the US has been foiled by Israel. The result has been a US-Israeli partnership to stop the Europeans from extending further credit to Teheran, a major element in the country's fiscal crisis.

Quietly, diplomatic sources say, Iranian interest in meeting with Israelis has waned. This, despite continued unofficial efforts by Israel to increase contacts with Teheran, including trade links via third countries.

IRANIAN ANALYSTS say the moderates in the regime will be badly hurt in the next few months. Under the Iranian constitution, Rafsanjani cannot be reelected president after two terms in office. Radical politicians are jockeying for position as the 1997 presidential elections approach.

The election campaign, these analysts say, has led to a more stri-dent Iranian mood. Lebanese Shi'ites train side-by-side with Palestinian Sunnis and Syrian operatives in bases around Iran. Iranian money, they say, is also being increased to Palestinian opponents of the PLO accord with Israel.

The Iranian offensive, the analysts say, reflects Teheran's main concern that Israel will succeed in forging an alliance with the US and moderate Arab states against Teheran. Among Teheran's nightmares is an Israeli alliance with Iraq, which would isolate Iran.

The Arab alliance against Iran would have at least one specific goal: to stop Teheran from assembling a nuclear bomb.

Still, Iranian cooperation with Syria is not without its opponents. Islamic militants term the regime

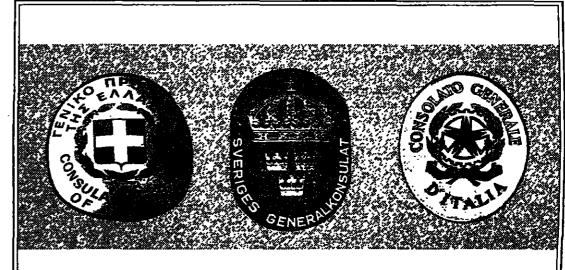
of President Hafez Assad as a blasphemous one which exploits Teheran. In 1992, a government

bill for an agreement with Syria on police cooperation and extradition was opposed by radicals on the grounds that Damascus's position toward Iran was opportunistic.

Iranian officials, however, remain careful not to criticize Syria's role in the Middle East peace talks. The understanding between the two countries, analysts say, is that Syria ignores Iranian intimidation of the Gulf Arab states and Teheran looks away from the Syrian talks with

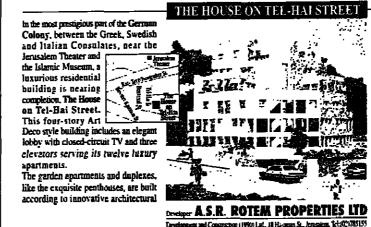
Agha and Khalidi say an Israeli-Syrian settlement will affect Damascus's relations with Teheran. But they predict closer ties between Syria and Iran in the wake of a peace treaty as both countries are expected to face a myriad of threats from their neigh-

bors, particularly Turkey. "In such conditions, new threats and threat perceptions may help to reshape the Syrian-Iranian alliance and create a new set of commonly perceived interests, as well as potential points of friction between the two parties," they say.



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Brown's cause: Prosperity and peace

As commerce secretary, he linked business to diplomacy; as Democratic leader, he attracted Jews. Hillel Kuttler reports

MERICAN Commerce Secretary Ron Brown was in Israel in January 1994, just as the news came that a major earthquake had hit Los Angeles. He tried frantically to telephone his daugh-

ter, who lives in the city, to be sure that all was OK.

"The concern was so dominant." Brown's host, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, recalled this week, "we dealt with that most of the time. He finally got through near the end of the day. It showed the father side of

Nine days ago. a shock of earthquake dimensions hit Washington when 33 Americans, including Brown, died when their plane crashed in Croatia.

"He was a very open person," said Harish, who flew to the US for Wednesday's funeral at Washington National Cathedral. "It was very

easy to speak with him personally."

Since Brown's death, the US capital witnessed a mourning period befitting a head of state. In television appearances and public events, somber Democratic Party leaders and African-American figures paid tribute to Brown as an ebullient lover of life, a bridgebuilder and the epitome of the American

Brown will probably be best remembered as a recent chairman of the Democratic National Committee who was the driving force in Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential election victory.

Brown's legacy also lies in having carried out what he called "commercial diplomacy" in the Middle East and in other regions on the political mend. He was one of the Clinton Administration's leading advocates of securing peace through economic prosperity, in the process benefiting American businesses.

BROWN SAW both the Middle East and Bosnia, the destination of his fatal trade mis-



Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin watches US commerce secretary Ron Brown sign an agreement setting up the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission in Jerusalem in 1994.

sion, as areas where "the kind of peace which is enhanced by economic openness is in the long run going to pay off for the US in terms of political stability, a White House official said this week.

Judith Barnett, the Commerce Department's principal deputy assistant secretary for trade

secretary on Middle East matters, said, "The marvelous work the peace team did, [Brown] was able to lift off the paper.
"He brought [American] CEOs everywhere.

In Gaza, with the [chief executive officers] of humongous corporations, he explained to them

development who worked closely with the late why obstacles are just so short-range, and in the long-run they had to rebuild strong economies.

> BROWN, BY Harish's estimate, visited Israel seven times in that pursuit and they met "at

with his counterpart from any other country. The meetings included exchanges of trade delegations and semiannual meetings of the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission chaired by Harish and Brown

since its founding in 1994. Brown also spearheaded the February 7. 1995, summit of the Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian trade ministers in

Egyptian and Jordanian trade ministers in Taba. It produced the Taba Declaration, a plan for promoting trade within the region and with the US, and for ending the Arab boycott.

Brown was to have returned to Israel this spring for the next gathering of the commission, and was also scheduled to go to Petra for a follow-up meeting of the Taba ministers' forum.

BECAUSE OF his having managed Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, Brown was considered suspect by some Jews when he ran for the DNC chairmanship in the late 1980s.

His first prominent Jewish supporter was Steve Grossman, who later headed the Massachusetts Democratic Party and served as president of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

He raised money for Brown's successful run

He raised money for Brown's soccessful run against Rick Weiner, the Jewish chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, and rallied the support of key Jewish activists.

The party's platform had offered mixed support for Israel and eight state party organizations had passed anti-Israel resolutions. "It was one of [Brown's] highest priorities to rebuild the relationship between the Jewish community and the Democratic Party," Grossman said. "He was determined to make the '92 platform the most pro-Israel – and he the '92 platform the most pro-Israel - and he

A day before leaving for Taba, Brown spoke with The Jerusalem Post - in an interview arranged by his press secretary Carol Hamilton, who was also killed in the crash about how the summit dovetailed with the administration's policy in the region.

"As peace comes to the region, the expectations of the people are obviously significantly raised," Brown said, his infant grandchildren cooing in the background as he spoke on the telephone. "And in order to meet those expectations for a better life and a higher standard of living, we have to focus on regional economic

No sugar to coat the pill of closure

Palestinian businessmen are suffering from the economic effects of the closure, Bill Hutman reports

THE delicious aroma of chocolates and cakes that overtakes the visitor entering the Sinokrot candy factory, located in the heart of the Palestinian Authority self-rule

areas, is deceiving. Once you are inside, the sight of colorful candies piling up at the end of long production lines may conjure up childhood longings of being let loose in a candy store. It's tempting to grab a handful of caramel-and-nut-filled chocolate bars or strawberry-flavored jaw-

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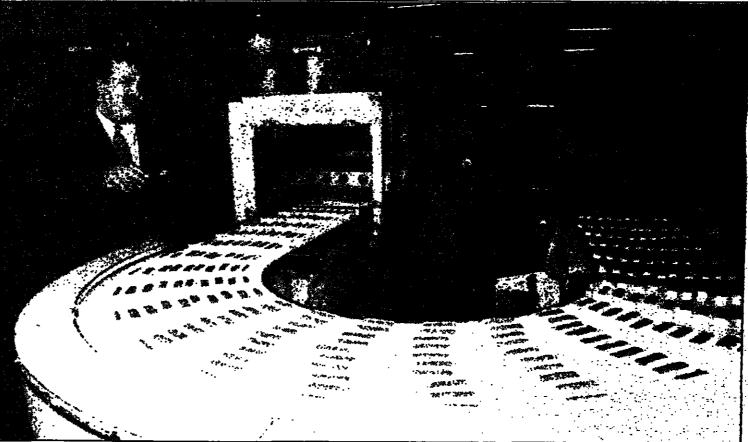
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Mazen Sinokrot surveys a cake machine at his Ramallah factory.

"It seems like business will continue to suffer until the political situation has become more clear," savs Mazen Sinokrot, the 42-yearold company president, who also heads the Palestinian Food Producers Organization. "We believe that the Palestinian Authority should be doing much more to help improve the Palestinian economy.

"But we are not passing judgment on the Palestinian Authority. We realize that after nearly 30 years of Israeli occupation it is unfair to expect solutions overnight. The Palestinian

Authority must be given a chance to show what it can do," he says. But the fact remains that Palestinian businessmen are facing an ever-deteriorating economic situation. The economic wind-

promised to bring has yet to come about, and to many it can't be seen even on the horizon. The latest blow to the Palestinian economy has been the closure of the territories, implemented immediately after the first of the wave of Hamas suicide bombings in Jerusalem on February 25, and

subsequently tightened when the

fall that peace with Israel was

bombings continued.

Six weeks later, virtually all Palestinian workers are forbidden from entering the country, and commerce between Palestinian businesses in Judea and Samaria with those in Gaza has been largely cut off by an unprecedentedly strict closure.

A senior government source says little change in closure poli-cy is expected in the near future: "We realize that the closure has severe effects in Gaza and the West Bank ... But the Palestinians have to realize that our number one concern is security, and while

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there is still intelligence information about the possibility of attacks, we have little choice but to maintain the closure." The source, noting that the

Dizengoff bombing was carried out by a terrorist who hid in the back of a truck carrying goods from Gaza, says this is why the present closure affects commerce and not just the flow of laborers.

FOR Sinokrot, the prospects of a continued closure spells economic disaster. He has already begun to lay off workers and cut back production, and expects this trend to

"This is not just my problem," he says. "What's happening at my factory is happening to Palestinian factories all over the place. It's not just the factory owners being hurt, but the workers who are being laid off and who have no way to earn a liv-

Sinokrot sales they dropped 60 percent during the closure, as company trucks are not permitted to enter Gaza - the major market for Sinokrot candies - says the company president.

The Ramaliah-based company normally has 250 workers on its payroll. Usually at this time of the year, with the Id al-Adha feast approaching, the workforce is to tworoid. Bu year the Sinokrot workforce has been cut by nearly 25%.

Sinokrot says the present downturn in the candy business reflects not only the adverse economic standing of Palestinians, but also their morale.

"When a father has been out of work for a couple of weeks be may think twice about giving his children a few shekels to buy candy." Sinokrot says. "On the other hand candy is inexpensive so it can't be counted with other 'luxury items' people do without."

Candy is often bought for cele-brations - whether birthday parties or religious feasts - and when the national mood is depressed, people feel less inclined to celebrate and buy candy. Sinokrot says

Sinokrot recognizes that Israeli companies are also being affected by the closure. Sitting at his large desk - with two computer terminals at one end, a tray of chocolate candy bars on the other end - he says that his company, for example, purchases 80% of its supplies from Israeli companies. The drop in sales has naturally resulted in a drop in those purchases.

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How fair are interviewers?

GUEST COLUMNIST ELISHA BABAD

NE of the most nagging questions about the media, pertinent particularly in an election year, is whether interviewers can be fair.

That they have their own political views is a given. In Israel, me "neutrality" does not exist, nor should it. But professional interviewers should be able to overcome their own biases and treat all interviewees equitably.

Is there any way of measuring their performance? On March 13, Amnon Nadav, the head of Israel Radio, declared on No Man's Land, a TV program devoted to the media, that a method for assessing the treatment of interviewees "hasn't been invented

My experience as a social psychologist enables me to challenge this. I undertook to conduct a study in which I examined the nonverbal communication and body language of premier TV interviewer Dan Shilon in his much-advertised Channel 2 talks with Shimon Peres (on January 1, 1996) and Binyamin Netanyahu (on February 5, 1996) in parallel 90-minute sessions.

Following procedures established in previous research on nonverbal communication of teachers, judges, doctors and TV broadcasters, I isolated from the video recordings of the two interviews all instances in which only Shilon was seen and heard.

There were altogether 143 separate clips, lasting from two to 17 seconds. These clips were then recorded in a mixed order on a new cassette, and shown to 109 American students who were told that numerous unseen interviewees were involved. They had never heard of Dan Shilon and

did not understand Hebrew. The students were asked to rate Shilon's expressions, body language and general attitude toward the unseen interviewee for each of the 143 clips on a scale ranging from "very negative" to "very positive."

positive."
When their responses to the clips were later averaged to summarize Shilon's behavior toward the two candidates there was a decisive difference, showing high statistical significance and a huge "effect magnitude." Nonverbally, Shilon treated Peres much more positively than he treated Netanyahu

Another analysis, which used

negative and positive ratings, found that nearly two-thirds of the Peres clips were positive (63%) whereas two-thirds of the

In another part of the study, a group of Israelis who were familiar with Shilon and were also told that numerous unseen interviewees were involved, saw these video clips without speech so as to separate verbal content from nonverbal behavior. They were asked to rate Shilon's facial expressions and body language. The results were similar to those of the American viewers: preferential treatment of Peres, nega-

In yet another independent analysis, I counted the number of times Shilon interrupted, or tried to interrupt Peres's and Netanyahu's flow of speech. The difference was dramatic: during the 90-minute presumably parallel interviews, Shilon interrupted Peres 48 times and Netanyahu 151 times. Consequently, the average length of Peres's uninter-

tive treatment of Netanyahu.

rupted speech was over 30 seconds long, whereas the average length of Netanyahu's uninterrupted speech was less than 19 Netanyahu clips (66%) were negseconds long.

In light of these findings, I raised and discussed several questions and issues:

1) Was this difference accidental? Could it be that Shilon had a bad day and was in a bad mood when interviewing Netanyahu?

This is not very probable and would anyway be extremely unprofessional and irresponsible in lengthy interviews with the two major candidates for prime minis-

2) Could it be that the interviewee caused Shilon to react differently by his own conduct, that is, did Netanyahu irritate and anger Shilon in his interview?

To examine this interpretation 1 analyzed the first five Shilon clips in each interview (when Shilon was still "acting" and not yet "reacting"; and found the same preferential difference.

3) Is it possible that only the verbal content of the interview is

important and that focusing on the isolated instances of nonverbal behavior is unimportant or even misleading?

A growing body of research indicates that people use nonverbal cues as crucial information for decoding emotional attitudes, that nonverbal behavior is often more "truthful" and betrays attitudes speakers try to conceal, and that nonverbal cues play a major role in perceiving and assessing other

4) Is it humanly possible to overcome one's views and preferences and behave in a totally objective and equitable way?

Probably not, and evidence of some bias can be expected. Actors are trained to attain total control of their nonverbal behavior and are evaluated on that basis, but TV interviewers cannot be expected to reach such con-

But given their great impact on large audiences and the public responsibility their role entails. TV broadcasters must be required to be acutely aware of the fair treatment issue, and to avoid blatant favoritism.

In another study of shorter TV interviews by half a dozen interviewers. I found that no one was totally fair and all behaved differently with different interviewees. But whereas some showed only slight traces of favoritism, others were blatantly preferential. Shilon's favoritism toward Peres compared to his negative treatment of Netanyahu was extremely high compared to other TV inter-

5) What can be actually done to reduce interviewers preferential treatment and increase media fair-

This is the most crucial issue, and it depends most critically on the media's openness to criticism and willingness to change. would emphasize three elements in potential corrective action:

a) Evidence. To reduce preferential treatment, broadcasters must become aware of indisputable evidence of behavioral favoritism. Media Watch organizations, committed to the collection of such evidence can play a crucial role in this. Empirical scientific evidence is always preferable to impressions and opinions, because impressions are bound to be dismissed as biased.

b) Motivation. Even if complete objectivity is not humanly attainable, one can always improve. A combination of a willingness to improve and sensitivity to public criticism can make improvement likely. The toughest obstacles are complacency and resistance to feedback.

c) Behavioral Interviewers can exercise more self-control on specific behavioral manifestations which are controllable and changeable. They can consciously balance the number of times they interrupts each interviewee: avoid showing excessive positive affect to their favorites and negative reactions to their political opponents; observe and scrutinize tapes of their programs and discover how they transmit positive and negative messages. It may also help if interviewers realize that their transparent favoritism may boomerang by reducing their credibility and

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increasing viewers' sympathy for

victimized interviewees.

The Jews always yearned but relatively few came

THERE IS that ironic Jewish explanation, characteristically self-mocking, of why Messiah hasn't landed yet to bring about the Final Redemption.

On the eve of the first Pessah after the Great Exile began 1,926 years ago, he set out from Heaven to redeem us. He thought we were ready for the Great Redemption, having just purged our precincts of all physical sourdough and, presumably, ourselves of the spiritual sourdough.

He approached just as our ancestors were concluding their Seder enthusiastically chanting. Next year in Jerusalem!"

"Next year"? Well, if that's what they want... Messiah returned to his Heavenly base.

Half a year later he set out again, to bring about a post-Rosh Hashana/Yom Kippur redemp-tion, after the Jews had atoned for their sins. He approached just as the lews were winding up the Yom Kippur service exclaiming, "Next year in Jerusalem!" "Next year"? Well, if that's

what they want... He has been trying ever since, and each time he hears, Next

don't know by whom or when this joke was composed. I Aventure to guess that its author was a religious Zionist who lived sometime in the past 220 years.

I say 220 years because in the Jewish chronicles that have not been doctored by official secular-Zionist historians, the relatively large-scale return of Jews to Eretz Yisrael in modern times did not begin in 1881 or 1904, with the so-called First and Second Aliyot.

It began in the late-18th and early-19th century with the waves of Hassidim and, a little later, Mitnagdim augmenting the Jewish communities, mainly in Hebron, Safed, Jerusalem and

In that period the Jewish people has largely ignored several opportunities to return home en masse and again make Eretz Yisrael unimpeachably ours in body as well as in spirit. The exceptions have been those relative handfuls of dreamer/pragmatists of the religious and, later, secular socialist brands who came here in various periods not because they had no other place

MOSHE KOHN

to go to, but because they had some vision of Jewish national restoration in our ancestral home-

This failure follows the pattern laid down by our ancestors in the Exodus 33 centuries ago, when most didn't want to leave Egypt and most of those who did leave wanted to go right back.

We repeated our folly 2,500 years ago, when only a small portion of those whom Nebuchadnezzar exiled to Babylonia took up Cyrus's invitation a little later to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.

We ignored the hospitality offered us by the Ottoman sultan Suleiman the Magnificent during is 46 year reign (1520-1566). We ignored the opportunity

offered as when the country's gates were wide open during much of the early years of the British occupation after World

And again, in our own time, except for the above-mentioned minority and besides those million and a half who have come from various "lands of distress," we have continued to monstrously ignore the opportunities presented by the re-establishment of the Jewish state and by our stun-ning victory in the 1967 war of self-defense.

Nevertheless, praying Jews everywhere continue to express their fealty to and longing for Jerusalem at least three times daily, and others do so in their various fashions.

At least they do that, following, unknowingly, the advice of Rabbi Nahman of Bratzlav: Every Jew should go to Eretz Yisrael. If you can't go, you should at least yearn for the Land.

And it is in that seedbed of entreaters and yearners that there sprouted the comers and doers. These included not only those who continued in their parents'

Ironically, in the past century, the comers and doers have been mainly those who, having been nurtured on their parents' prayers and longings and deciding to act on them, blamed our history of Exile on what they regarded as their forebears' blind adherence to tradition and cut themselves off

from the wellsprings of those

They cut themselves and their progeny off from the Jewish past and from the wellsprings of Jewish memory, hence cutting their progeny off from Jewish hope and the Jewish future.

IT IS told of Napoleon that during his Russian campaign he happened into a synagogue in Poland on Tisha Be'av Eve. when the Jews were assembled there chanting the Book of Lamentations and the dirges bewailing the Great Destruction and the Exile.

When the scene was explained to him, he remarked: "A people that remembers to mourn so long the loss of its homeland is sure to regain that homeland."

More recently, in 1882, an American Christian visitor who observed the lisha Be av Eve service at the Western Wall (Leviticus 9:1-2) WIOIS:

"After this exhibition, and in the full blaze of history, one cannot help but feel that this is especially the city of the Jews. Christians may fight for and hold its holy places; Moslems may guard from all other eyes the tombs of David and Solomon; the site of the temple on Mount Moriah may be decorated by the mosques of Omar and Aksa; but if ever there was a material object on earth closely allied with a people, it is this city of Jerusalem with the Jews...'

The writer was Samuel S. "Sunset" Cox (1824-1889), newspaper editor and publisher. US minister to Turkey, and from 1857 till his death Congressman representing districts in his native Ohio and then New York. He described his visit to Eretz

Yisrael in Orient Sunbeams: or. From the Porte to the Pyramids. by Way of Palestine. Jerusalem's Prof. Moshe Davis cites Cox in hisAmerica and the

Holy Land, volume 4 of his fascinating "Eyes to Zion" series, published by Praeger. Westport, CT and London. Incidentally, when Cox was

here the Jews were already the largest religious group in Jerusalem. Shortly afterwards we were a majority.

(Thanks to Ralph Amelan of the American Cultural Center in Jerusalem for the biographical details on Cox.)

BIG BROTHER YOU DIDN'T

"HOW IS THIS YEAR DIFFERENT

from any other year?.."

ANSWER MY QUESTION



IN OTHER YEARS WE USED TO TAKE LARE OF OUR SECURITY -



Losses and gains

"And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel, and said to Aaron: 'Take you a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before God.

FTER seven days of consecrating the priestly appointments of Aaron and his sons, Moses summons Aaron, commanding more sacrifices to be brought, after which God's glory will be revealed. This week's portion, Shmini, opens with

Aaron, helped by his sons, heeding the instructions for the sacrifices. Suddenly, the flesh of the animals is consumed by a flashfire from heaven. Recognizing this as the glory of God, the people raise their voices in praise, and prostrate themselves.

Perhaps driven by the eestasy in the air, two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, take fire pans and offer incense to God. But since this offering was unauthorized, another fire swoops down, killing the two lads on the spot.

Precisely because it takes place at a moment that should have been the highest spiritual attainment of the Jewish people since Sinai, and a particularly gratifying experience for Aaron the High Priest, the death of these two princes is a stunning blow, transforming national celebration into mourning. Why such a terrible punishment?

Rashi quotes two Talmudic traditions as to why Nadab and Abibu die when they bring the 'strange fire".

Rabbi Yishmael explains that their offering was unauthorized because they brought it while intoxicated. This understanding is supported six verses later, when God commands Aaron: "When you enter the Communion Tent, neither you nor your descendants may drink wine nor any other intoxicant." (Lev. Rabbi Eliezer suggests that Nadab and

Abihu had ruled on a halachic issue in the presence of Moses, and a student must never decide a law when his teacher/master is right there.

In addition to these reasons, the Midrash

SHLOMO RISKIN

speaks of their hurry to step into the shoes of Aaron and Moses: "When these old men die, we will lead the nation!" For this hubris, fin consumes them.

THESE EXPLANATIONS would maintain that the offering of Nadab and Abihu was a sin. But there may be another way to view their action. After all, in the next verse, Moses says to Aaron; "This is exactly what God meant when He said, 'Through them that are close to me I will be sanctified." (Lev. 10:3)

Rebbe Elimelech of Lizhensk, the great hassidic master, takes the Midrash which expresses the hubris of Nadab and Abihu, and turns it on its head. Not hubris but humility guided Aaron's sons. The last thing in the world they wanted to do was step into their masters shoes. Their words should be understood not as impatient expectation, but rather as a child-like question: "When these elders die, we will lead the nation!?"

Why did Rebbe Elimelech feel the need to interpret the verse this way? He looked for merit rather than blame, and lifted Nadab and Abihu from beneath the literal meaning of the midrashic text. But is such an explanation jus-

I was once invited to join the March of the Living, my first visit to the death camps in Europe. It was during that trip that I was able to visit the obscure Polish town where my grandmother grew up. To me, the legacy of Europe was represented by my grandmother.

I have had the opportunity to study from and be exposed to the great leaders of the post-war generation: Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, my outstanding teacher and mentor. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and the Lubavitcher Rebbe. These were the princes of Jewry, whom we could call the "remnants of the Sages."

It is these individuals - truly Torah giants who carried that glorious heritage to America's shores and enabled us to catch a glimpse of what had been. They provided a

much-needed bridge.

NOW. WE stand at a major crossroads. There is no longer a Reb Moshe, or a Rabbi Soloveitchik. The last living links to the oast are disappearing before our eyes: And it is easy to despair, because we have yet to witness a student worthy to inherit their mantle.

Then I remember Rebbe Elimelech's comment on the deaths of Nadab and Abihu. When the old men die, what will we do? Will we be capable of leading this generation?"

But nevertheless, it is wrong to despair. The laws of inheritance reveal an amazing concept. (B.T. Brachot. Chapter 9). Upon the death of a father, the heir makes two blessings. The first, usually intoned at the loss of a loved one, recognizes "the True Judge." The second is the blessing upon receiving a gift. "Blessed art Thou ... who has granted us life and sustenance and permitted us to reach this season." The Sages chose this blessing because, even in death's shadow, life and sustenance are passing to the next generation. We have to be aware of what we lost, but we also have to be aware of what we gained.

The European Torah model for hundreds of years came to a tragic end with the Holocaust. Once the last yeshiva head who learned in Mir or Baranovitch or Kletzk dies, it is the end of a tradition. Those who were privileged to have received the mesora of Torah from these figures understand the depth of the loss, mourning what once was, so many thousands of scholars and their holy writings now nothing but ashes.

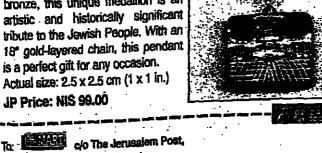
But this is only half the story. There is still a shehehiyanu to make, because even though the great days of European Jewry are gone. there is a living inheritance of Torah. Even as we mourn the generation that was destroyed. we must also recite shehehiyanu for the legacy we have received.

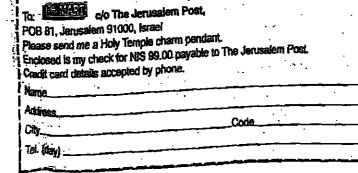
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in Jewish history

NICK KOPALOFF

by an unorthodox sequence of moves, is named after the

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on c4 which inhibits any d5 thrust. 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2

Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 Nd7 13.Be3 a5 14.b3Nc5 15.Rsb1

Qb6 16.Rfc1 Qb4 17.Qb2 Qb6.

On 17...a4 Black loses his queen

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DIAGRAM 1

43.0651, and the rook on f8

must fall 1-0. If Greenfeld had

opted for the same idea with

43.0e8 he would have been in for

a nasty surprise as Yudasin would

have turned the tables with

43...Rxh3+ with mate next move.

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West (Harel) East (Calderon) **♠** K9 ♥ K109 **⊉** J642 **♥**A763 ♦ J 10 ♦ AK32

> South 1073♥ Q42

West North East pass pass I NT (all pass)

Opening lead: •J

HE most popular tourna-ments in Israel are two-session affairs, staged on consecutive Tuesday nights. The latest, a two-session "top-bottom" competition held at Beit Bridge Club on Carlebach Street in Tel Aviv, was won by local players Shifra Calderon and Moshe Harel. who scored 63-percent and 64-percent games.

The next of these events will be held on April 30 and May 7 at the club. Phone (03) 561-7792 for

In Israel. "top-bottom" is another name for "matchpoint" scoring. Every deal is duplicated and played at every table. For example, there might be 100 tables and, therefore, 100 results for each deal. If you score, say, plus 140 on a given deal, you receive a percentage point better for every other score in your direction that is less than plus 140 and a halfpercentage point for every tie

The idea behind duplicate is to decrease the luck factor of the cards. If, for example, you are minus 620 on a deal, you may still score well if the majority of other pairs in your direction are minus

The "magic number" in top-bottom scoring is 200, because 200 beats all the partscores. So unless the pair that achieves 200 has a game bonus available. 200 will be the highest score, as in today's deal.

ACROSS

6 Try endlessly in the

open-air to get a fish (5)

9 An incoherent speaker rose

10 Thrown when bareback (9)

11 Announce that one will

12 Outstanding amount of work first for a small

13 He discovers instruction

18 Her dove fluttered and

remained suspended (7)

20 One in France in green perhaps making progress towards a star (7)

for a receiver (9-6)

creature (7)

issue copies of the book (7)

I Spot of trouble (4,5)

AFTER TWO passes, North opened the bidding one club on a three-card suit and 12 highcard points, though there is a lot to be said for North passing, because of his even distribution, poor spotcards and vulnerability.

Nevertheless, most players did open one club. The key juncture in the auction came next when East was faced with a decision whether

Many players could not resist the temptation to say something with the nice 14-point East hand, but the lack of a five-card suit to overcall with and the doubleton spade prevented Calderon from bidding. She passed, and when South made the - ill-advised - one-notrump response and two passes came

back to her, she passed again. The players who took action with the East hand, by overcalling one diamond or making a takeout double, found themselves plus 110 or 140 in a heart partscore. Calderon did better.

Harel led the jack of diamonds against one notrump on the expert theory that against one notrump you should give away nothing on the opening lead, because you usually have time to switch to your long suit later.

This is a sound theory, though many players take it too far. One famous case was when a worldrenowned player led his short suit against one notrump doubled. holding A-Q-J seven times in clubs. His partner gained the lead three times, once leading back a spade, once a heart and once a diamond; the contract was made, and homicide was in the air.

Back to our hand, declarer covered the opening lead with the queen and East won her king and returned a diamond to West's 10. West shifted to a heart, giving declarer a trick but setting up a trick for his side as well.

Declarer continued diamonds and the defense cashed its heart tricks and shifted to clubs. Declarer won in hand and tried a spade finesse, which lost, and East played a second club to

Now declarer cashed a diamond but had to lead the ace of spades and give the final trick to West. In all, declarer took five tricks: one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs. Harel and Calderon scored the magic 200 they were looking for and a top score.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

unending ordeal during

the month (9)

animal (5)

23 Par station with

incoming mail? (7)

25 High Command? (4,5)

24 Hesitantly touch first wild

DOWN

1 Punished for having a seat-belt on? (8)

2 Do not forget the sapper (8)

4 Influx having arrived with great speed (6)

5 It can produce a stir at four

3 Many good tumours! (6)

woman's



The ability to choose proper nesting sites has a great impact on birds' breeding success.(G. Femblan)

Expert nest-builders attract mates

mule sparrow has been sitting for several days in one of my window boxes. He keeps calling and calling, trying to convince some unattached female sparrow to come and share the planter with him. Now here is a bird with a problem!

He apparently got off to a late start and even my unsparrow-like eye can see that every nook and cranny under the eaves or around the barn is already taken by some luckier pair of sparrows.

Even the abandoned swallow's nest in the barn is occupied by an industrious pair that keep trying to make the grass and other nesting material stay in the broken mud structure.

But this luckless young sparrow actually thinks he's going to find a mate and nest in my window box. Even if he did, by some blind chance, find a female to nest there they would be out of luck the first time I watered the flowers. While I put up with a lot

6 Type of cooking to brown,

(8)

do I put alternative inside?

simpletons losing their head (6)

8 Meant to have about 500

15 Reported such speech not

16 Useless material for old US stage (4-4)

17 Cooler in the car but

18 Theima needs treatment in

play (6)
19 Five got in awkwardly expressing their choice (6)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Hare, 3 Dressers, 9
Rumbs, 10 Capital, 11 Eat, 13
Discourse, 14 Dollar, 16 Depart, 18
Veracious, 20 Nip, 22 Rending, 23
Adage, 25 Eternity, 26 Glee.
DOWN: 1 Horde, 2 Rum, 4 Recess, 5
Suppose, 6 Entertain, 7 Salient, 8
Hard, 12 Tolerance, 14 Diverse, 15
Auction, 17 Fourty 19 Sann 19

Auction, 17 Fought, 19 Scan, 21 Piece, 24 All.

20 Train for Rugby (6)

21 Almost adjacent (4,2)

warmer indoors (8)

14 Powerful passage? (8)

in? No, to have two on (6)

going straight to the point (8)

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

of nuisance in order to enjoy the birds around the house, I absolutely refuse to forgo caring for my window boxes. So whatever happens the little bachelor sparrow's efforts are doomed to failure, just as are those of the pair that has tried so hard to make a nest in the broken bowl of the old swallow's nest.

And that is as it should be, because if birds are unsuccessful nesters then there is no reason in nature to perpetuate their particularly unsuccessful genes and the species is bettered by the fact that they fail to produce any offspring.

Of course, the sparrow in question may have genes that are worth passing on and if so then next time around he will find himself a better nesting site and an appreciative mate.

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nesting sites that has such a great impact on breeding success. The females are far choosier than the males, as they should be, and once having inspected a nesting. site they will either accept or reject the male that provided it.

site that is untenable.

It is the ability to choose proper

They even have a lot of control over the nest-building process, and it is common to see a couple of sparrows building their nest and hearing the female scold and berate the male over unsuitable material he has provided. It is always interesting to observe that the females know just what is suitable for a nest, while the males are likely to drag home anything they can carry. Now and then there is a female, usually very young, that falls for the male's importuning and accepts a

Sparrows, doves and many other birds; as well as certain insects and even small mammals such as rodents, rely on their high rate of reproduction to keep the species going. Inevitably, not all attempts to propagate are suc-cessful but this is the selection that keeps most of the species strong. Certainly, despite many setbacks, there are still enough sparrows to ensure that the breed is well protected from any danger

On 17...a4 Black loses his queen after 18.a3 Qxh3 19.Qa1
18.Qd2 Qb4 19.Rc2 55 20.exf5
gxf5 21.Qc1 f4 22.Rf2 Qb6
23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Qd8 25.b4!
axb4 26.Rxb4 Be5 27.Bxc5 dxc5
28.Rxb7 Qd6 29.Bc4 Kh8, threatening 30...Rxc7!
30.Qe1 Rt5 31.Qh4 Bf6
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that so many lews have been

attracted to the game of chess and

have excelled well beyond all pro-

portion to their numbers. The game

is wrought with conventions, the

deviations from which are as

essential to the understanding of the game as the rules themselves.

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inherent in the game have a cosmic

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In his excellent book Chess in

Jewish History and Hebrew Literature, Victor Keats, a research

istic appeal.

sion with dialectics is arguably the main reason

into the post-Renaissance period. Keats, who is the curator of one of the world's foremost collections of chess sets, challenges chess historians by suggesting that the game might have been alluded to in the Talmud. The sources are recalled and examined in depth.

The 17th-century Oxford University lecturer in Hebrew (and oriental language expert) Thomas Hyde was the first scholar to devote detailed research to the early history of chess in the east. Hyde's work De Ludis Orientalibus combined two of his previous studies.

Hyde's work was enlarged upon by the German bibliographer Moritz Steinschneider in 1874 in Chess among the Jews. Keats draws upon these two works, and many others.

Keats's work will not only be welcomed by all those interested in chess history, but, in the words of Chimen Abramsky, Professor Emeritus at London University, it "adds a very interesting cultural chapter in the rich history of the

Chess in Jewish History and Hebrew Literature is available through Magnes Press, Jerusalem.

ALON Greenfeld, the joint winner of last month's international tournament in Becisheba, upsets Israel's No. 1 Leonid Yudasin in the following game.

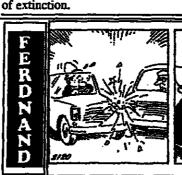
Greenfeld, Alen - Yndasin Beersheba, March 1996 Sicilian Defense (by transposi-

Maroczy Bind

1.NE3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.e4 Nc6 6.Be3 NE6

7.Nc3 d6. This position, reached

DIAGRAM 2 Solution: 1.Qd8+ Kxd8 2.Bg5+ Ke8, 2..Kc7 3.Bd8++ 3.Rd8++ 1-0









F your dinner date presents you with a single Japan rose, what will you do? Slap his face or riposte wittily with a yellow carnation? If you do neither, but simply stick it in your buttonhole, clearly you do not know the traditional language of flowers. You may have been suffering fearful snubs for years without knowing it.

A Japan rose signifies "Beauty is your only attraction," and the yellow carnation means "Disdain." Of course, it could be worse. He could have given you a mignonette, implying, "Your qualities surpass your charms," and you could have replied with an African marigold, "Vulgar mind." It would take more than a bunch of raspberries, "Regret," to patch that one up.

There have always been tradi-

tional meanings attached to various flowers. The ancient Greeks and Romans dedicated plants to various gods with particular qualities: the cherry tree to Apollo, the cypress to Pluto, myrtle to Venus and the olive to Minerva. The early Christians gave flow-

ers to saints: St. Augustine received Canterbury bells, St. Valentine has crocus, and the

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Virgin Mary was represented by the lily or the rose, both signifying purity. In many Renaissance paintings, she is shown holding one of these flowers.

Interestingly, the qualities of each god or saint match the plant in such a way that no one knows which came first. The olive branch of the warlike Minerva has come to represent peace. The crocus, sprouting eagerly in the spring, goes to the god of love, also sprouting eagerly in spring. The snowdrop, first of the spring flowers, means hope.

Shakespeare's Ophelia, distraught as she was, used flower language and the playwright was fully confident that the entire audience would know to what she referred. "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance ... and there's pansies, that's for thoughts."

But caution is needed. This code does not always cross borders easily. In England, chrysanthemmus mean love and truth, in Japan they signify death. In France it is not considered politic to give red

roses to another man's wife. I have even heard a story of two men who came to blows over an ill-considered orchid in Bavaria.

The Victorians seemed to have brought obsessiveness to the language of flowers. In an age when the sexes were prudishly steered clear of opportunities to talk alone, it was an acceptable way to

express messages to a lady love. To the Victorians, no plant was too lowly to bear some special meaning. Lettuce meant "cold-heartedness," cabbage meant "profit" and mustard seed came to mean "indifference," cress meant "stability." And as a protest against a "cruel" suitor, stinging nettles made the point emphasical-

Even blameless daisies were not safe to toy with A white daisy does indeed mean innocence, but a wild daisy, worn in a particular way, means "I will consider it," and a double daisy implies "participation."

What you plant in your garden is for your own pleasure, but think twice before you bring hosts a bouque. It may mean the begin-ning of a wonderful relationship, or the end of one...

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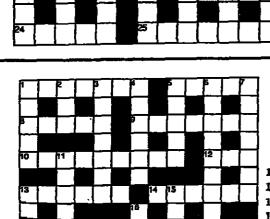
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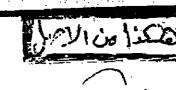
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From grand role to regular dole

L AL pilot Daniel Patt, asked what his father, Savyon resident, former government minister and veteran MK Gideon Patt will do now that it seems unlikely that he will win a seat in the 14th Knesset, grimmed as he replied: "I don't know. I guess he'll go on the dole."

THE VENUE for a surprise party for Customs Authority director Arre Zeif was entirely apt - the port of Tel Aviv. The occasion was his 50th birthday. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat stopped by to offer congratulations before proceeding to Rosh Pina where he spent most of the Pessah vacation. Other guests included several MKs, Finance Ministry director general David former Treasurer Yitzhak Moda'i and the zany Gashash Hahiver trio Shaike Levy, Gavri Banai and Yisrael Poliakov, the current stars of the Toto commercials. One of the many caps that Zeif wears is that of Sportoto chairman.

CHIEF RABBIS Yisrael Meir Lau and Eliahu Bakshi Doron were busy giving blessings this week at Heichal Shlomo, the seat of the Chief Rabbinate, at the Western Wall and in their own homes. Each of the two chief rabbis opened his own home to the public on Sunday afternoon. Lau received the crowds at his private residence in Tel Aviv and Bakshi Doron at his private residence in

GREER FAY CASHMAN

FORMER CHIEF Rabbis Ovadia Yosef and Mordechal Eliahu were also busy in the blessings department - Yosef at the mass Shas convention at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram stadium: and Eliahu at the historic Yohanan Ben-Zakai Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. Amongst those who came to kiss Yosef's hand was popular singer Ofer Levy, yet another member of the showbiz community who has discovered

CONVERGING ON Jerusalem

from all over the country, close to 90 former students and alumni of The Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Maryland gathered at the Hyait Regency Hotel to cele-brate the school's 30th anniversary. Many had attended the facility when it was still known as the Solomon Schechter School, among them three of the seven students in the first class of '66. Organizers were Lisah and David Bernstein who met at the Jewish School kindergarten. Although theirs is one of only three in-class marriages, several inter-class knots have been tied. Children of Israeli diplomats serving in Washington also attended the school, including Michael Dinitz, son of former ambassador

Simcha Dinitz, Alumni who attended between 1974 and 1976 were happy to renew acquaintance with Yossi Levy, who was headmaster during those years and who today is in charge of the education system in Upper Galilee. They were also happy to see that recent arrivals have landed well and truly on their feet. Alumnus Garry Rothschild, who came on aliya only five months ago, is already working with the Customs Authority. Experience proved to be an asset. He was previously employed by the Federal Customs

Department in Washington DC.

THE MIMOUNA is becoming increasingly political, and this year in particular, competition raged fiercely between Labor's Rafi Elui, with his traditional high-volume gathering at Mazkeret Batya, and Gesher leader David Levy, whose celebration in Beit She'an became somewhat of an historic occasion in that it was the first time that he was hosting former enemy and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu at his home. Elul played host to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, as he has done before. This time around, Beit She'an had a little brinkmanship over Mazkeret Batya, though thousands of guests turned up at both locations.

RUMOR HAS it that Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan is planning a Lag Ba'omer wedding. Eitan, who was recently divorced from his wife Miriam, to whom he had been married for 43 years, aims to legalize his relationship with Ofra Meyerson, his live-in companion for the past two years.

ALTHOUGH IT'S not yet 100 percent confirmed that Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir will accept the compensatory post of ambassador to China, there is already a probable casualty if she does. Moshe Alkasali, chairman of the Gan Yavne Local Council, who was recently appointed ambassador to Brazil, will not have to disgrace himself in order to be stripped of his position.

A political appointee, who was the last in the permissible 11 political appointments of diplomats. Alkasali will have to step aside to make room for Namir, whose appointment will be pushed through while the current administration is still in office.

But all is not yet lost. While he was last in line under the present regime, he may move up to pole position if Labor wins the elections. It's just as well that he hasn't left yet. To have been recalled so quickly might have been worse than not going at all.

ALSO REPORTED to be angling for an ambassadorship is the National Religious Party's Avner Shaki, whose chances of being a member of the 14th Knesset are decidedly slim. The NRP would of course have to join the government coalition to enable Shaki to get his wish.



Choose a partner for the election masquerade ball

ITH primaries and Pessah becoming a fad-ing memory, the parties must at last lock homs on the

campaign trail. Both Labor and the Likud have seemed somewhat reluctant to join battle, running half-hearted, sleepy campaigns, mainly through newspaper ads, while muttering that "the public doesn't want cutthroat attacks during the holidays." Now that voters don't have to digest matzot and roughhouse politics in the same week, the time

for excuses is over. The Likud, which has spent the past three years vociferously objecting to the Oslo agreements, is laudching Binyamin Netanyalin a snow-white peace dove. The party will promise of Peace with Security" and "Peace with Jerusalem."

The Likud actually went so far as to join the bidding for the rights of the "Peace Song" ("Shir Hashalom") to use as its cam-. paign anthem.

This song, identified with Peace Now and left-wing circles for more than 25 years, is even more inseparable in the national collective memory from November's fateful peace rally when a reluctent Yitzhak Rabin was persuaded to sing along with it. It was the former prime minister's first song in public and his last on earth.

Unsurprisingly, Labor also bid for the Peace Song, but Meretz finally secured the right to use it in its campaign. Songwriter Ya'acov Rothblitt and composer Yair Rosenblum decided Meretz was the party most appropriate for

their song.
"Really," scoffed a Labor MK. "Can you imagine the Likud using the Peace Song in its campaign? Maybe even as its campaign jingle? That would really give that party's voters a split personality." Laborites are quietly relieved

that they didn't get the rights either. That would have left them wide open to accessations of playing the Rabin assassination as an electoral card. Meanwhile Labor is scrabbling

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Minister Shimon Peres will sally forth in the garb of "Mr. Security." The word peace has mysteriously disappeared from Labor's slogans, at least so far. Maybe the doves just migrated to faraway Likud for the summer.

BEHIND THE SCENES If the Likud's peace jargon is reminding everyone of those Labor slogans used in the 1992

elections, it is no coincidence. The Likud has hired media adviser Motti Morel, who ran Rabin's triumphant '92 campaign under the b for Rabin."

This time Morel decided to adopt an idea of MK Meir Sheetrit, who was roundly blasted for it in the Likud just a few weeks ago. The gist of it is that the peace process with the Palestinians must be continued,

but in a different way. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo also contributed to this line of thought when he declared that he will continue to support the Oslo agreements, despite his party leaders' objections and their vow of never talking to Yasser Arafat

or his PLO leaders. Likud campaign heads seem to believe they can market a convincing new peace image, scooping up the floating voters huddled in the center of the political map. The tricky bit, they are prepared to concede, lies in persuading the public that the peace concept of Peres and his peace party has

failed. Meanwhile Labor now seems to be dithering indecisively between information head Haim Ramon's concept of self-restraint, and the urgings of Ehud Barak, in charge of Peres's personal campaign, to get stuck into solid personal attacks on Netanyahn.

Barak fears that Ramon's laidback strategy is sending the Labor campaign to sleep. Barak wants to wake everyone up with a noisy military-style barrage of personal assaults on Bibi to expose him as unfit to be prime minister.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

The bickering between these two campaign leaders, added to Labor's phlegmatic reaction to Likud attacks, is infuriating the party's parliamentarians who are convinced Labor is falling badly behind on the battlefield. Even Peres at last had to call his wrangling ministers to order and tell them to can the cackle and get on

Astonishingly, Likud strategists grudgingly perceived Labor's lethargic response to their barbs as a carefully thought-out strategy -

with winning the election for their

even a brilliant and effective one. One by one, the Likid carefully launched its missiles (such as "Peres will divide Jerusalem") which were supposed to make the Labor camp explode in a furor and force its PR machine onto the defensive. Instead the projectiles winged into obscurity and fizzled out in a couple of days, raising not even the dust of a reaction.

IN BRIEF...

Leaks from Labor's campaign HQ revealed that each morning ministers are provided with briefings, complete with statements to be distributed to the media. This is the province of Labor's campaign

media chief, Avraham Burg. One hot topic they will address is the settlers' secret talks with Palestinian Authority leaders. The ministers will tell the media that the Oslo agreements have penetrated even to the heart of the right-wing establishment and exposed as pitiful the attempts to

oppose them. "They had meetings, they went abroad to discuss Oslo with Palestinians, they exchanged documents, they leaked it to the press. And now, they're denying it. And whom are they blaming? Why, Peres of course," say Burg's

memos to the ministers. Labor leaders will also build on the theme of Iran's attempts to topple the peace process by trying to topple the "peace government" in Israel. They will refer again to Iranian financing and training of

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terrorists in the region. Then, according to Burg's brief-ing sheets, ministers should pose the question "Why is the Likud suddenly coming out in defense of Iran instead of putting itself squarely behind the government's

battle against terrorism?" Burg also suggests that use should be made of the lack of respect and trust Likud leaders have for one another - take any combination of Ariel Sharon, Binyamin Ze'ev (Benny) Begin and Bibi: "We've heard Sharon against Bibi; one is for Assad, the other is against. Which is the real Likud? Bibi or the 10 behind him.

none of whom believe him? When Sharon doesn't believe Bibi, and Begin doesn't believe Sharon who will put trust in all of them together? MUTTERING IN THE

RANKS Unhappy mutterings can be heard in the corridors of Labor headquarters.

"Peres has so many advisers, so many campaign managers and so much copywriting, that you can't see the issue," said one media adviser. "There is only one possible choice for prime minister. The

message should be that simple." Especially irritating to many is the arrival of France's mythological media-whiz, Jacques Seguela, whose awesome campaigns were credited with bringing François Mitterrand to power (twice).

"Peres doesn't need any foreign advisers," moaned a despairing Labor strategist.

"He's got more than enough already. Besides, a French expert may be great for France, but he doesn't understand the mentality of the Israelis."

Meretz leader, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, summed it up in a nutshell. Labor and the Likud are dancing in "a masquerade ball," he said. The Likud is dressing up as

Labor. Labor is disguised as the Likud. Only Meretz has no masks and is telling it like it is: a Palestinian state, and a complete withdrawal from the Golan, in exchange for a comprehensive peace agreement."

Mimouna wedding party for Bibi, Levy

N Beit She'an the Likud appears to have already won the elections, and by a huge landslide. On Wednesday night this sleepy, outlying, hard-luck town did not merely celebrate the Mimouna. Everyone - mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, tots, teens and young adults - turned out to take part in a giant Likud street fest.

No one could have organized or blueprinted such a spontaneous carnival. There were no frills and there was no belly-dancing or outdoor barbecues. It was political and overwhelmingly popular.
This same town, which in 1992 either turned its

back on the Likud or resentfully sulked along with its favorite son David Levy, had now renewed its vows, and with a gushing outpouring of affection. It was indeed like going to a wedding

At the town's entrance signs directed drivers to the festivity, much as is the custom at Israeli wedding parties. The arrows pointed to the Mimouna, as if it were the only Mimouna celebration, and not Levy's affair or the Likud's partisan function. It was everybody's. They might as well have directed us to the Bibi and David wedding celebration.

The crowds wholeheartedly, almost passionately, approved of the match and came to express their joy with the reunited couple. They were not only immediate neighbors either, the traffic jam was of the sort Beit She'an has never seen and the lack of parking space must have been a first in this off-the-beatentrack town.

There was no need to orient oneself. I and the rest of the press just got pushed in the right direction by the excited human throng, comprised not of wellheeled VIPs slumming it, but of ordinary folk, perspiring, smoking, shouting, cheering, waving their hands, and - most of all - shoving.

And it was a lot worse inside the enormous white tent which Levy had put up across from his house. We were swept inside, at times doubting if our feet were actually touching the ground.

The grassroots disarray reigned everywhere. On the speakers' platform the guests of honor were supposed to recline on large overstuffed pillows. In the center was Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu and his beaming wife Sara; Likud MK Dan Meridor; the dar-ling of the crowd Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Mordechai, who is No. 4 on the joint list; and another darling ex-general Yossi Peled, a popular Likud member, though he's not running for office; a fazed former chief-ofand lots of MKs and would-be parliamentarians. Their names were shouted out by excited onlookers, who were crushing the very breath out of us and enthusiastically doing irreparable damage to our

The Likud spokeswoman was out of her element and entirely helpless. She all but pushed herself onto the platform, along with a couple of lucky members of the press, leaving the rest of us teetering perilously on the steps and the object of all the pent-up aggression and frustration of the police and the frazzled GSS agents, who kept menacingly yelling at the press and into their lapels.

They were finally defeated by big-framed, big-time film producer Yoram Globus, who pushed his way up, blazing a trail for us to the relative safety of th platform.

The speakers all promised to return to Beit She'an on May 29 to throw a big victory bash. The reaction was a tumultuous frenzy.

When Bibi and Levy embraced and hugged time and again on the platform, the audience was besides itself. According to the rhythmic chants, Bibi had become "king of Israel," and, alternatively, another fingle reminded him periodically that "he is great, he is great, he is great." Bibi looked a little pale and bewildered.

The news scoop of the evening came when an unshaven middle-aged man called out to the flushed Mordechai: "Itzik, you should be defense minister." Itzik podded happily and replied: "with God's help."

This broad political hint, however, might have escaped the ears of Ariel Sharon, who ponderously marched in at the other end of the tent, making his customary late entrance to the sound of ear-splitting

We never got to taste the promised Moroccan gournet goodies which Rahel Levy was said to have cooked up for us. We did see remnants of candied dates and several soggy bits of fried sweet dough among the huge hills of powdered sugar in which the latter were to be dipped. The honeyed mufletas, carried in by youths in North African garb (at least one of whom was a blue-eyed new immigrant from Russia), were grabbed by more agile, less timid

No matter. No one can convince me that this homecatered fare really was produced by the indefatigable Mrs. Levy in her own kitchen.

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Shown in the picture: LIBI Director, Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt, and Netanya Mayor, Mr. Zvi Polen. present a Certificate of Honor to Mr. Adler-Stier.

'Include Christians in peace process' -Lebanese exile

A COMPREHENSIVE Middle East peace process should include arrangements with minorities like Lebanese Christians, the Kurds and southern Sudanese Christians - perhaps even Moslem minority groups such as Druse and Shi'ites, according to a Lebanese Christian leader living in exile.

Dr. Walid Fares, president of he World Lebanese Organization, told Jerusalem Post in a recent interview in Jerusalem that the Lebanese Christian diaspora is very concerned about the future of Lebanon in general and its Christian population in particular, in the context of any peace agreement between Israel and

Fares, now a political science Florida International University in Miami, said these concerns had been been mentioned in letters to President Bill Clinton and members of his administration. And, he said, if minorities are excluded from the peace process, "wounds could open in the future which would develop into ethnic and religious clashes threatening the security and stability of the entire region.

"th the rise of Islamic fundamentalism from Algeria to the [Persian] Gulf, one should be very careful in planning political solutions for regions with com-plex problems," he said, imply-ing that Israel should take a tougher stand in the peace nego-

"On the one hand, there is American pressure to achieve a series of 'microwave solutions' to fit US domestic political interests. But such treaties will not guarantee the signatories a halt in the rise of fundamental-

Fares said "there is always room to maneuver for a better strategic result." He warned that "treaties signed with authoritarian regimes at the expense of human rights and the survival of nations (such as Israel) or minorities (such as Lebanon's

Christians) may in the end bring higher risks [which could be] very costly to democracies and historical dreams."

Five years ago, when Syria took over east Beirut, Fares went into exile. Before that he had been secretary-general of Lebanon's Social Democratic Christian Party, working as a lawyer and teaching at St Joseph's Jesuit University.

He has also been secretary-general of the World Maronite Union since 1986 and is currently copresident of the Middle East Christian Committee - a coalition of Christian minorities including Assyrians, Copts, Sudanese Lebanese

Fares has published eight books on both ethnic conflict and the Islamic revolution in Iran. His recent visit to Jerusalem was by invitation to lecture at the meeting of the International Christian Zionist

THE world media, Fares said.

have created misconceptions about the Christian minorities in the Middle East. Usually the media portray Middle East Christians as though they are Palestinian Christians. "But these are only the smallest minority of Middle-Eastern Christians. There are non-Arab Christians who form the overwhelming majority of the group in the region. [though] there are of course Christians who are ethnically Arab - Palestinians, Jordanians and Syrians."

The non-Arab Christians he listed included 12 million Copts in Egypt, seven million Africans in South Sudan, the Assyro-Chaldeans of North Iraq, 1.5 million Lebanese Christians (Maronites and others) and the Armenians. "All of these are ethnically non-Arab, descendants of the indigenous inhabitants of the Middle East prior to the seventh-century Arab con-

"Unfortunately the interna-

tional community doesn't know enough about the existence. plight and suffering of these for-gotten nations," he added. "Ironically, it is the opinions of the spokesmen of the minority Arab Christians that are reported, such as Hanan Ashrawi or the patriarchs in Jerusalem. But human rights are abused throughout the Middle East."

Fares said Lebanon's Christians have suffered the most in the past 20 years. Their difficult situation has

included bombardment, ethnic cleansing (including the dis-placement of the population in the Shouf Mountains from 1983 to 1985), and the massacre and displacement of Christians in Damour, Ayshia and Tel Abbas in 1976. Since the collapse of the

Christian resistance in 1990 the community has been subjected to political repression. A number of its leaders have been exiled and the remainder silenced. "The last voice of Christian opposition in the country is that of the Maronite patriarch, Monseigneur Peter Sfeir," said

He said more effort should be deployed to promote peace trends and democratization within Arab Moslem societies before seeking completed diplomatic objectives." And that the international community must not leave Israel alone to battle fundamentalism and radi-

"There must be a massive [international] campaign to enforce human rights, to seek self-determination for minorities, to eliminate terrorism, and to support democracy for the Arab world. This is a preparatory step for getting a really just and lasting peace.

As the Christian year 2000 approaches, Fares has one wish for his own waning community in Lebanon: "In even darker ages they were able to emerge from the ashes. I hope they will do so again - like the Phoenix, the symbol of our Phoenician

Turkey-Iran relations strained by spy claims But the incident blew up when much by speculation," said Teheran responded on Tuesday by

TURKISH media allegations that Iran is out to destabilize the secular Moslem nation have fueled a diplomatic crisis based more on speculation than facts, Turkish analysts say.

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This incident has been led too RAMAT BEIT SHEMESH

Kamran Inan, a parliamentarian from the ruling conservative Motherland party and a former Turkish envoy to NATO.

in the papers accusing Iran after [Irfan] Cagirici was arrested and. unfortunately, we, as a people. were unable to react coolheaded-

ly," he said.

The crisis with Iran comes as Turks are still reeling from December national elections, when the pro-Islamic party narrowly came in first.

The 21 percent win by the Islamists - they were shut out from government by a minority conservative coalition - spread fears that Turkey's fiercely secular state was under attack.

Turkey's fears were further fueled when Teheran applauded the showing by the pro-Islamic Welfare Party and said this would make Turkey more pro-Islamic in



Arafat faces up to growing West Bank-Jordan challenge

PALESTINIAN leader Yasser Arafat's visit to the West Bank last week was a far cry from previous trips during the period of IDF redeployment, when he presented himself as the liberator of West Bank cities from Israeli

This time the cheering crowds were gone. Instead, Arafat faced demonstrations Ramaliah and total apathy in

He should by now realize the warm welcome he received at the end of last year was no more than an illusion, and it may be extremely difficult for him to consolidate his position in the West Bank.

Interestingly, it is worth noting that it was the Fatah movement in Ramallah and Nablus (or at least the major faction inside Fatah) which has been organizing the demonstrations against the PA over the last two weeks. If Arafat cannot rely on the Fatah movement, whom can he rely on?

But, for all his faults, Arafat has never been the type to give up easily. Once he recognized the obstacles in the West Bank, he

In future it is likely he will pay more attention to the West Bank and might spend longer periods in Nablus, Ramallah and Jenin with special emphasis on Ramallah because of its proximity to Jerusalem.

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This is not only linked to the importance of Jerusalem as the putative capital of the hoped-for Palestine, but also because Arafat may now see the political leadership of Jerusalem and Ramallah as the greatest challenge to his

The fact that on his last visit to Ramallah Arafat was confronted by Bir Zeit students only sharpened his awareness of this.

In two developments last week, the West Bank branch of Fatah displayed a stance closer to Hamas than to the PA. It sided with Hamas in demanding that PA police offi-cers responsible for storming Najah University in Nablus two weeks ago should be fired.

It is with this background that the new initiative launched to reach a PA-Hamas agreement should be viewed, although the chances of success here are no better than former ones - nil.

But this time Amman, not Cairo or Khartoum, has been chosen as the site of the meetings. Neither will the Palestinian delegation be composed of Gaza figures as before, but of West Bank figures an amalgam of Fatah, the Popular Front, and Hamas.

A closer look at the delegation - the head of Fatah in the West

to foil it. Bank, Marwan Bargouti, Hamas leader Jamil Hamami and Popular Front leader Riad al-Malki - makes it clear this is not

Orient House delegation. At the same time, Faisal Husseini was There is no guarantee this dele-gation can achieve an agreement with Hamas. But symbolically, it returns Amman to its role as the focal center of Palestinian activity - rather than Cairo, which Arafat wants as center stage. Here the West Bank leadership is making clear its desire to maintain strong relations with Jordan, and not to

Arafat's delegation. It is an

Hamas leaders in the West Bank refused to take part in Cairo-based negotiations in the past and the PA delegates were Gaza-oriented PLO leaders.

sacrifice them to Arafat's affair

Arafat understands well the link between West Bank leaders and Jordan and, it may be deduced, decided to oppose it. -This week he chose to go to Saudi Arabia, not to Jordan, immediately after his troubled visit to Ramallah and Nabius.

While West Bank leaders will continue trying to restore to Amman its former influence in Palestinian affairs, Arafat will try to persuade the Saudis to help him

After first approving the delega-tion's trip to Amman, he surprised everyone at a later PA meeting in Nablus by suddenly withdrawing his approval and declaring there was no point in further negotiations with Hamas because the fun-damentalists had not changed their hostile attitude to the PA.

Arafat also accused "certain Arab states" - code for Jordan, as "certain foreign states" is code for Iran - of using Hamas to weaken

Hence Arafat declared himself ready to resume talks with opposition PLO organizations instead of Hamas - such as the Popular Front of George Habash, Naif Hawatmeh's Democratic Front, and the pro-fraqi Arab Front.

One might suppose Arafat's decision to withdraw his personal approval of Husseini's mission to Amman was a result of the unrelentingly sharp language of recent Hamas leaflets.

But in the past, such propaganda

never deterred him from meeting

Leaflets do not provide the explanation. Arafat's primary concern is to prevent the West Bank leaders dragging Jordan into West Bank affairs through the back door in the form of negotiations with Hamas in Amman.

A European Union delegation led by Italy will visit six Middle Eastern countries next week to stress the bloc's support for the peace process and efforts to combat extremist violence, Italian diplomats said.

The April 15-18 tour is to take place in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria, the diplomats said.

It follows a similar visit by the

same delegation to Iran last week to assess prospects for continuing the EU's dialogue with it.

Tentative plans by the delegation to travel from Teheran to the Libyan capital Tripoli fell through. The diplomats said Libya had agreed to a visit but a date had yet to be set.

"It will take place as soon as possible following next week's trip," one diplomat said.

The EU delegation is made up of senior foreign ministry officials from Spain, Ireland and Italy, which holds the EU's rotating

presidency. Its tour was agreed to in March by foreign ministers following the suicide bombings in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which threatened to derail the peace process. The foreign ministers called on

forms of terrorism "once and for

Teheran denies charges by the US, Israel and the Palestinian Authority that it finances groups such as Hamas. EU countries, many with close

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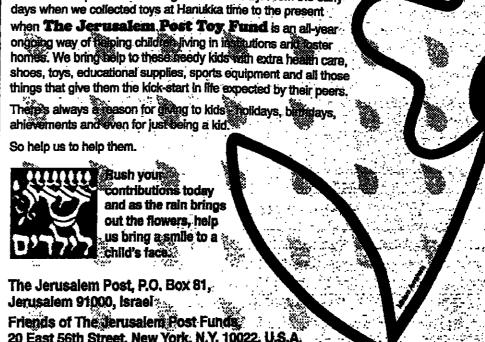
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"The US delegation is bringing a US resolution on money laundering, recommending member states to prohibit anonymous accounts," the official said.

Although the resolution was laundering illegal funds.

was bound to increase the discomfort of the Vienna government, already under fire from the European Union for apparently tolerating money laundering.

There was no immediate comment from Vienna.

Austria is the only EU country to allow anonymous bank accounts, rated by anti-narcotics officials as a safe baven for drugs money and an ideal vehicle for

Teva gets US approval for anti-baldness solution

TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. announced yesterday it has received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to manufacture and market an anti-baldness, non-prescription Minoxidil Topical Solution.

Minoxidil Topical Solution is a generic equivalent of Pharmacia

& Upjohn's Rogaine, designed for the treatment of male pattern baldness. Rogaine, which was sold as a prescription product until recently, had annual US sales of some \$100 million. The US market for this over-the-counter product is expected to experience

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ROGOSIN Industries, the manufacturer of tire material, completed 1995 with a net profit of NIS 89.31m. compared with a net loss of NIS 11.83m. in the previous year.

The inclusion of its foreign subsidiary RCI's results and the sale of real estate in Ashdod contributed to the improvement.

Revenues increased to NIS 251. from NIS 192m. • Mashov Computers completed 1995 with a 138 percent growth in net profits to NIS 2.44m. compared with NIS 1.02m. in the corre-

sponding period last year. The rise in earnings was partly a result of the merger of subsidiary Data's results. Sales increased 21% to NIS 140m. compared with

NIS 116m. in the previous year. • Export Investment completed 1995 with a net profit of NIS 7.14m. compared with a net profit of NIS 7.29. in the previous year. Total revenues increased to NIS 15.47m. from NIS 10.4m.

Geotex, German firm in deal

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announced yesterday. The companies said the combined network will serve nearly 30,000 business subscribers in 12 economic regions.

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El Al-Royal Jordanian price war seen brewing

FL AL will be forced to lower its prices to the Far East if it wants to compete with Royal Jordanian, tourism industry sources said

Following Royal Jordanian's announcement that it would undercut El Al's prices to the Far East by about \$300, El Al coolly replied that it would not lower its

If it were to take any tactical steps at all, El Al would only lower prices for Christian pilgrim groups traveling to the US.

"Let's face it, our fares to New York are already pretty cheap, and Royal Jordanian can't match our capacity and frequency," El Al's spokesman Nachman Klieman said.

But tourism industry sources said they believe Royal Jordanian's prices will eventually force El Al into a long overdue price

"Tickets from Amsterdam to the Far East cost \$450 while tickets from Tel Aviv cost \$1,250," said a spokesman from Geographical Tours, which organizes trips abroad for Israelis. "The price war is good, the competition will allow more people to

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Royal Jordanian's lowest fare to Bangkok is \$650 and the round trip fare from Ben-Gurion Airport to Amman is \$120. To encourage Israelis to visit Jordan and use the country's services, Jordan recently decided to lower the price of visas for Israelis from NIS 160 to NIS 70, the Transportation Ministry announced this

Klieman said the cheaper flights might attract Israeli backpackers, but a special deal El Al offers them - a year-long ticket on which they can fly to one Far Eastern destination and return from another - would help deter Israeli defection to the Jordanian

Although accelerated competition is inevitable, an all out USstyled price war - of the sort which in recent years has caused American prices to suddenly plummet, sending some carriers into bankruptcy - will not break out as a result of Royal Jordanian's decision to undersell El Al, said experts, adding that there is

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more than enough business to keep the two Middle Eastern carriers in the air.

"Some people will prefet Roy-al Jordanian and some of them will not," said Moshe Hananel, Royal Jordanian's representative in Israel and president of Galilee Tours. "People will compare prices, compare service, and make their choices." In addition to the newfound

competition. El Al is having difficulties on other fronts. Rafi Harlev, the company's former director-general, resigned unexpectedly in March and flight reservations are off by 8 to 12 percent for April and May. El Al said it is dealing with the present drop in reservations by lowering the number of flights and combining some flights, but not by

lowering prices. Israel's Civil Aviation Administration will allow 450 Israelis to fly Royal Jordanian from Tel Aviv to Amman each week. Without specifying what future measures the organization might take, Menachem Sharon, head of the ICAA, said, "If the competition [proves] destructive, then we

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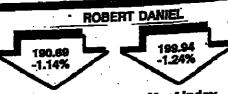
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Fear of high CPI pushes stocks down

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS closed lower in a week by Pessah, amid concern that this Monday's Cost of Living Index will show accelerated inflation.

"Inflation expectations are for a rise of more than one percent," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities in Tel

both January and February. Yesterday, the Maof Index declined 1.24% to 199.94, while the Two-Sided Index eased 1.14% to

The Maof lost about 2.2% for the week; the Two-Sided

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dropped 1.7%. Teva Pharmaceutical Indus-

tries Ltd. fell 1%. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 78 million shares. were traded.

This was 22% higher than the average so far this mouth and just below the average for last month. The most active share on the exchange was Koor Industries Ltd., down 0.75% as NIS 9 mil-

lion of shares traded hands. Inflation concern may be a bit overblown, Tsur said, because the housing price sub-index may skew the total rise in prices. (Bloomberg)

US inflation worries pound European shares WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Fears that US inflation might be about to rise on the back of soaring commodity prices sent Wall Street tumbling for a while yesterday and pushed European shares into

French stocks fell 1.02 percent, despite a small cut in the Bank of France's intervention rate to 3.70%, while Germany's DAX index shed 0.8% and London's FTSE-100 lost 0.62%.

All three opened weakly after Wall Street's 74 point fall overnight, rallied a touch when Wall Street opened higher, only to turn down again and end near their lows when the US market slid 70 points triggering antomatic curbs on index-arbitrage trades, though it later rallied.

"The price of crude went up, the CRB (key commodity) Index is soaring and we are getting a said Michael Metz, chief investment strategist at Oppenheimer & Co in the US.

And crude oil prices could rise even further as buyers in the West scramble to rebuild depleted refined oil product inventories, analysis and traders said. "The tanks are empty and winter hasn't finished yet," said analyst Geoff Pyne at finance house UBS. London futures for world benchmark North Sea Brent crude was around \$22.50 in late trade, having been up 63 cents at \$22.66 a barrel, a four-and-a-half year high.

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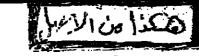
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IDF destroys five illegal houses near Hebron

THE IDF destroyed five houses near Hebron yesterday between Bani Naim and Kiryat Arba, which it said were built illegally. The houses were some of 23 in the area for which demolition orders have been issued.

Homeowners resisted in some cases, throwing stones at bulldozers. In one case, members of a family stood inside a house to be

JON IMMANUEL

One woman fainted

The IDF has destroyed 46 illegal homes since the beginning of the year, and seven more were destroyed by the owners themselves after pressure from the IDF, said Peter Lerner, a civil administration spokesman.

All the homes were in area C under full Israeli control. Houses

in area B which a year ago were slated for demolition no longer fall under IDF control.

Gush Shalom spokesman Adam Keller described the demolitions as "a barbaric act aimed at the peace process. They always choose a day when attention is drawn elsewhere."

He said the homes were demolished because the area is slated for Israeli settlement only.

Baruch Goldstein's wife appeals for compensation

THE wife of Hehron massacrer be tried by the law. As a result, Baruch Goldstein appealed to the she said, she should be recog-Baruch Goldstein appealed to the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday against the Defense Ministry's refusal to recognize her as the survivor of a terror victim.

Miriam Goldstein, of Kiryat Arba, argued in her appeal that her husband had been murdered by Arab worshipers who lynched him after taking away his weapon, rather than allowing him to

nized as deserving compensation. In February 1994, Baruch

Goldstein shot dead 29 Arabs in the Machpela Cave in Hebron before being overcome and beaten to death.

The Defense Ministry rejected Miriam Goldstein's request for the assistance given to relatives of

In her appeal, Goldstein said, "she was left with no means to support her four children.' She quoted from the Shamgar

Commission of Inquiry's report in her appeal, noting that her hus-band had been killed by the Moslems.

Goldstein was murdered after his weapon had been taken from him and he was no longer a



Palestinian policemen are led back to the Jerusalem lock-up after being remanded yesterday for eight days for allegedly planning to kidnap an eastern Jerusalem drug dealer to Ramallah. Pistols, handcuffs, and cellular phones were found in their van at the entrance to the Shuafat refugee camp, a Jerusalem police spokesman said. (Text: Bill Hutman; Photo: Brian Hendler)

Hijacker Leila Khaled plans to defy Israeli terms for return to self-rule areas

AMMAN (Reuter) - PLO hijacker Leila Khaled said yesterday she rejected Israeli terms for her return to Palestinian self-rule areas to attend a meeting on amending the PLO charter.

Khaled, member of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, and a PLO faction that opposes Pulestinian President Yasser Arafat's peace deal with Israel, said she would leave Amman for selfrule areas on Sunday.

mies," she said.

Israel said in February it would let Khaled and 153 others, including some of the staunchest anti-Israeli terrorists, to return to attend the PNC meeting. But they may settle in the West Bank or Gaza with their families if they choose to do so.

Khaled said she was shocked by an Israeli announcement on Tuesday that she had to sign a paper denouncing "terrorism".

"The Israelis are still my ene- backing the Middle East peace process and condemning recent attacks by Moslem bombers that killed 58 people in Israel.

"I am not ready to sign any paper or meet any Israeli terms to enter, as this is my right," said Khaled, 52, who won world fame in 1969 after hijacking an American TWA airliner.

"I am going down on Sunday. and I will refuse to sign any paper even if this means them sending

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"I will not beg them to enter even if I am really longing be-cause it will be the first time I will go to Palestine," added Khaled. born in Haifa in 1944.

Khaled, a member of the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), was seized in London in 1970 for trying to hijack an El Al airplane after the TWA move.

She said she would oppose any plans to change the Palestinian charter.

Jordan's dramatic shift toward US

ANALYSIS

DORE GOLD

JORDAN'S acceptance today of a squadron of 30 US Air Force fighter aircraft to patrol southern Iraq completes a dramatic shift in its regional

During the 1991 Gulf War, Jordan did not back the American-led coalition's war effort largely out of domestic considerations; in previous years the Jordanians had been a strategic partner of Iraq. Now, by joining the American effort to contain Saddam Hussein, Jordan has suddenly emerged as a critical strategic asset for the US in the defense of the Persian Gulf.

Ironically, neither of the US's other non-Gulf Arab partners - Egypt and Syria - have been able to carve out for themselves an equivalent role in the protection of Western oil interests.

Until recently, American air patrols over the Southern No-Fly Zone in southern Iraq took off from American air bases in the Arabian peninsula or from US Navy carriers. The global requirements of American carrier power in the western Pacific near

the Taiwan Straits and in the Mediterranean created a gap for the Gulf region. The Jordanian deployment of US land-based aircraft is intended to fill this

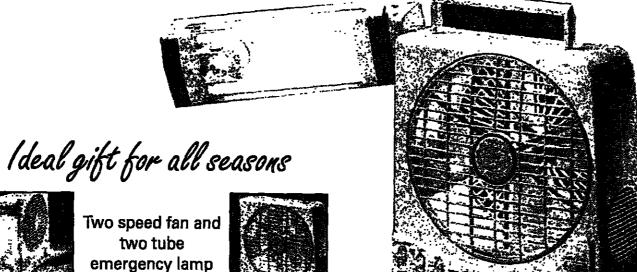
The American deployment has significant implications for the Middle East. It sends a message to Jordan's potential adversaries in the region - from Yasser Arafat to Saddam Hussein - that the kingdom is a vital American national interest.

This message is no less important for Syria to hear. The Jordanian role in Gulf security should help heal the rift between the Hashemite Kingdom and Saudi Arabia, as well as that with Kuwait. Finally, it confirms that Jordan's decision to give asylum to defecting fracti officers was not cosmetic, but a real strategic shift away from Saddam Hussein and to a new military partnership with the US.

(The writer is the director of the US Foreign and Defense Policy Project - Juffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Avio University.)

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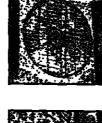
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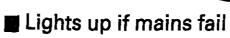
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Arafat visiting Jericho today

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Arafat is to spend more time in West Bank towns and hold cabinet meetings periodically outside Gaza to emphasize Palestinian unity and to undercut the current of criticism following the closure and Palestinian police actions during searches for Hamas mili-

After the attacks yesterday, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said in Beirut that his government would not curb Hizbuilah "so long as the occupation exists on our land."

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Lebanese Foreign Minister Fares Bouez claimed the attacks yesterday were due to Peres surrendering to political pressure in advance of the elections.

Speaking at a press conference last night at the Defense Ministry alongside too IDF officials. Peres indicated that Hizbullah is playing with fire if it thinks it can hit Israeli towns with impunity.

shas, we have more excellent missiles," the prime minister said. He said it would be a mistake to interpret Israel's interest in

"If the Hizbullah has Katyu-

peace as being at all costs. "The state of Israel is very serious in its efforts to seek peace, and we are willing to take chances... to reach a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. But these efforts are in absolutely no way at the price of security of the residents of Israel," Peres

"I hope it learned the lesson. If it continues to act, we will react according to the need," Peres declared. Praising IDF commanders for

the precise laser-guided hits,

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tants. But Palestinian sources said he will not live in Ranutlah for the next three months, as he was expected to do before he vis-

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ited Saudi Arabia recently.

harboring Jewish extremists and Jordan for harboring Islamic extremists, who he claims collaborated with last month's snicide bombers. He has come under

duction in police and other PA employee salaries in April following financial difficulties of the

Palestinian Authority, which says it is losing \$6 million a day during the closure. Donor nations estimating the loss at \$2.5 million were to begin a conference in Brussels last night

devoted to resolving the economic and employment problems posed by the closure.

HIZBULLAH

Peres termed the three different attacks in Lebanon to be "almost surgical" and graphic videotapes of the operations were shown. Yet there were reports yesterday of at least seven Lebanese civilians being killed.

At the press conference, IDF Chief of Staff Lt Gen Annon Lipkin-Shahak said, "Hizbullah has to know, as do those who the Hizbullah uses as a cover, that hiding behind the backs of the civilian population will not be allowed to be used... to carry out terror attacks against Israel." He said Hizbullah launched rocket attacks near schools, houses, and

Israel warned on the radio station used by the South Lebanese Army yesterday that failure to expel Hizbullah from villages where firing occurs will result in IDF attacks.

UN posts.

In a separate briefing for reporters, a top security source called Israel's attack on Beirut as "lifting the taboo on hitting Bei-rut," which Israel has not attacked since the Lebanon war in 1982. The source said, "if Kiryat Shmona is hit, Beirut is not immune."

He insisted, however, that Israel wants to avoid civilian casualties wherever possible. Therefore it used precision methods to hit an apartment on the first floor of a 10-story building in Beirut, which he said serves as a Hizbullah military operations center.

The source admitted the net

effect of yesterday's action is changing the rules of the game as set in the aftermath of Operation Accountability in 1993, whereby both sides would refrain from hits outside the security zone. At the same time, the security official refused to say the understandings

should now be considered dead. The official voiced concern that Damascus has not demonstrated an interest in curbing Hizbullah attacks due to the suspension in peace talks between Syria

"When there are no talks, I think Syria prefers to avoid a confrontation with Hizbullah and give it a free hand, he said.

State-ron Damascus Radio warned Israel that its attacks of 'aggression" on Lebanon yesterday would harm the hopes for Middle East peace and called on the international community to restrain Israel ...

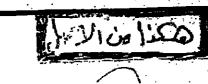
Syria is not the only country being blamed by Israeli officials. Ya'alon said Iran has accelerated its attacks on a variety of Israeli targets in recent months. He said Teheran has stepped up attacks with the aim of bringing about a "change of governments in Israel." Ya'alon's remarks echoed those Peres made a few days earlier which were criticized by the Likud as being politically

Likud leader MK Binyamin Netanyahn praised yesterday's strike, saying it was "better late than never."

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Panathinaikos beats Barcelona

PARIS (AP) - Stojan Vrankovic blocked a shot in the final seconds to save Panathinaikos as the Greek team took its first European Club Championship as it held off Barcelona, 67-66 in the final yesterday.

Panathinaikos won the first European title in its history and has a chance for a unique double as its soccer team beat defending champion Ajax of Amsterdam in the first leg of the semificults of the European Champions league and has the return match in

Dominique Wilkins helped ignite Panathinaikos in the second half as he scored 10 of his team's first 16 points after Panathinaikos had a 35-25 halftime lead.

Wilkins ended with 16 points, 10 rebounds and was name the Most Valuable player.

Wilkins was in the NBA for 13 seasons but never appeared in the championship finals, although he led the league in scoring and is eighth on the career list with more than 25,389 points.

Panathinaikos coach Bozidar Maljkovic had won the title three previous times - twice with Split in 1989 and 1990 and once with Limoges in 1993.

Panathinaikos rolled to a 35-25 halftime lead, without much of a contribution from Wilkins.

After falling behind 14-12, the Greek team burst away with a 23-13 run, fueled with three-points by Fragiskos Alvertis, Nikolaos Economou Stavrakopoulos.

Alvertis and Stavrakopoulos contributed seven points in the run while Barcelona was in the midst of a 10 for 27 first-half shooting.

Wilkins had no points in the run and sat out more than two minutes before coming back with 5:59 left in the half with Panathinaikos up 21-17 at the time.

Wilkins had just four points in the first 20 minutes but had seven

Barcelona came out after intermission and immediately connected on its first three shots to close to 37-32.

Then it was time for Wilkins to take over.

Wilkins helped bring it back up to 43-32 with a tip in and a jumper his first points since 10:28 of the first half. After a Barcelona basket he had another jumper from the top of the circle to make it 45-34. Two free throws by Wilkins made it 47-37 with 11 minutes left.

Less than a minute later he had a move than would be worthy of his own highlight film to make it 51-39 with a score from under-

Panathinaikos moved the lead up to 55-42 with 5:57 left but Barcelona closed to 61-52 with

4:04 remaining.

But it was Wilkins again reacting. He took a missed shot and raced downcourt for a another basket to make it 63-52.

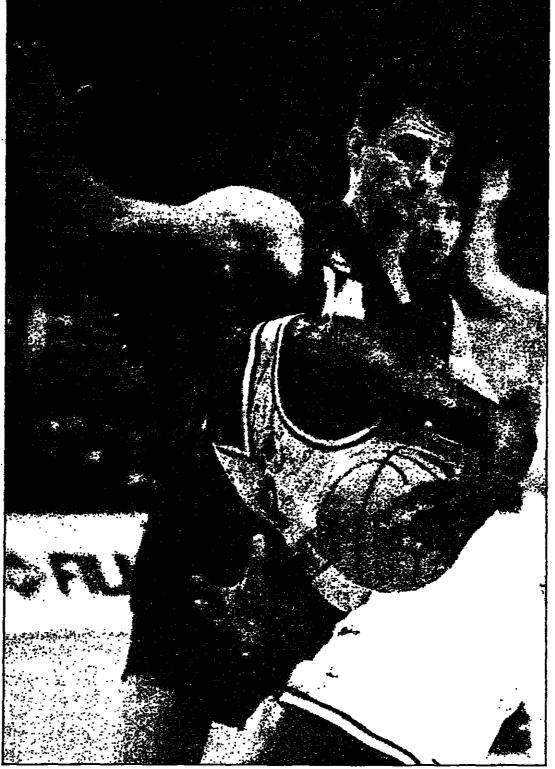
But it wasn't over. Jon Korfas was being fouled and only put in three of six free throws to make it 67-61 with 1:42

Then Barcelona 's all-court press paid off as it scored the next five points to close to 67-66 with 1:02 left after Jose Galilea bad a

three-point play. For the next minute, Panathinaikos controlled the ball and look like time would run out. A Wilkins missed was rebounded by the Greeks and it had the ball again in the final seconds.

But suddenly a scramble for the ball and Juan Montero appeared to be going in for the winning basket with seconds left when Vrankovic, the former Boston Celtic, came out of nowhere and blocked the shot and time ran out. In the third place game, CSKA

Moscow beat last year's winners, Real Madrid, 74-73, after wasting a 60-51 lead in the middle of the



HARD-PRESSED - Dominique Wilkins of Panathinaikos dribbles past Lithuanian Arturus Karnishovas of FC Barcelona during the Final Four championship game last night.

Mickelson leads Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) - Phil Mickelson made the most of benign conditions - and his putter, as usual - to shoot a 7-underpar 65 for the early lead at the Masters yesterday.

Mickelson, one of the few among the heavy favorites to tee off before noon, shot a 30 on the back nine, where most of the early starters made their move on a gorgeous day for golf.

I had a lot of putts underneath the hole. I think that's why I made a lot of birdies," he said. "It was playing very fast today. I think the committee realized how hard and fast these greens were, and we had pin placements we could go

Mickelson led by two strokes over former PGA champion Bob Tway and Scott Hoch, who blew a chance to win the 1989 Masters by missing a short putt on the 72nd hole.

Lee Janzen was another stroke back at 68. Several others were still on the course, which was beginning to dry out with warmer temperatures that were making the greens run even faster. It wasn't like the speed and

steep contours allowed any room for error to begin with. This was a deceptive round. The course was not playing to a 7-

under round," Mickelson said. "It was just a fortunate round. I had a couple of opportunities where I wound up below the hole." One was on No. 17 when he was tied with Tway at 5-under.

His sand wedge from 107 yards out landed 25 feet above the hole and spun back - 8 feet below the cup. He made that for birdie, then hit a high, hard 6-iron to 2 feet on the 18th for his 65. It amazed even him.

"I was even par through eight and thinking if I could get one or two (birdies) it would be a good round," he said.

Tway, part of the fourth twosome out, mastered Amen Corner

and also played the swift greens of Augusta with precision in shooting a 67.

"It's never easy," he said of Amen Corner. "Today, without any wind, you didn't have to worry about anything tricky if you hit a good shot. It was a beautiful morning for golf."

Brad Faxon and England's David Gilford were at 69.

Tway, who won the 1986 PGA Championship by holing out from a bunker on the 72nd hole to beat Greg Norman, worked his new putter to near perfection on the hack nine.

He birdied Nos. 11, 12 and 13 the three holes that make up Amen Corner – on his way to a 5under 31 on the back nine.

Janzen made the most of his opportunities, finishing strong with hirdies at the 16th and 18th. "I'm more worried about tomorrow than Sunday," Janzen said.

"It's a concern if you get off to a good start and don't keep it. It's worse if you get off to a bad start." Gilford got to 4-under with an eagle on No. 13, a par 5, until the 16th ruined what had been an unwavering round.

Scott McCarron, one of four players who won for the first time over the past five weeks to get into the Masters, had six birdies through 12 holes to reach 4-under.

Faxon shot a 69 after playing 18 holes of golf for the first time since he withdrew from the Honda Classic with pain in his back. He played a bogey-free round but left at least three birdies on the course.

"I was wondering if I should be mad that I shot a 69 when it could have been a 66, or happy that I finished 18 holes," he said. Paul Azinger was in at 70 after

a horrible start. He missed four of the first six greens to start at 2-over, then birdied the last three on the front nine, including a bold approach that spun back to 18 inches on No. 9.

Mourning returns to beat Charlotte

CHARLOTTE - Alonzo Mourning came back to haunt Charlotte Wednesday night by leading Miami to a 116-95 victory over the Hornets, the team the Heat is trying to overtake for the final Eastern Conference playoff

Mourning, in his first appearance at the Charlotte Coliseum since being traded from the Homets on opening day after a contract squabble, was booed loudly every time he touched the ball. But Mourning hit his first six field-goal attempts and wound up with 26 points, nine rebounds and four assists as the Heat broke a four-game losing streak.

While Mourning was dominating inside, Tim Hardaway and Rex Chapman powered a 12-of-20 3-point performance that helped the Heat close within onehalf game of the Hornets for the eighth playoff spot in the East. Hardaway hit 3-of-6 3-pointers and wound up with 29 points and Chapman made 5-oi-7 from beyond the arc on the way to a 19-

point game. The Hornets, who two nights ago snapped Chicago's 44-game home winning streak, were led by Dell Curry's 22 points and Gien Rice's 21.

Pistons 92, 76ers 76 Otis Thorpe recorded 24 points and 16 rebounds and Allan Houston had 17 points to lead the host Pistons to their eighth straight win over the

Philadelphia 76ers.
Terry Mills added 16 points for Detroit, which moved into a tie with

Cleveland for fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

"These are games we are supposed to win," Thorpe said. "We don't want these type of games to slip away. I'm anxious to start the playoffs, but right now we need to focus on the rest of he regular season.? Clarence Weatherspoon had 24

points and nine boards and Vernon Maxwell had 16 points for Philadelphia. Lakers 111, Timberwolves 90

Elden Campbell poured in 28 points and Sedale Threatt had 20 as the Lakers snapped a three-game road

losing skid.
Eddie Jones added 17 points and
Magic Johnson had 11 assists and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles, which was Van Exel, who was suspended Wednesday for the final seven games of the season for pushing a referee. Isaiah Rider scored 28 points and Tom Guellotts had 16 for the Tom Gugliotta had 16 for the

Magic 116, Cavaliers 104
Shaquille O'Neal scored 39 points and Dennis Scott had 16 in the first quarter as the Magic cruised to victo-

Penny Hardaway added 17 points for Orlando, which won for just the second time in its last five home nes after starting the season with 33 consecutive home victories. Dan Majerle scored 25 points and Terreil Brandon added 19 for

Pacers 105, Grizzlies 82 Vinny Del Negro scored six of his 14 points in a third-quarter run as the host Spurs moved a step closer to clinching their second consecutive Midwest Division title.

Chuck Person scored 15 points for the Spurs, who clinched a tie for the

Lawrence Moten scored 14 points for Vancouver, which has lost 33 of

WEDNESDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Washington 122, Boston 108 Orlando 116, Cleveland 104 Miami 116, Charlotte 95 Detroit 92, Philadelphia 76 L.A. Lakers 111, Minnesota 90 Utah 103, Phoenix 79 San Antonio 105. Vancouver 82 Seattie 108, Sacramento 89

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WHAT Galil Elvon's men did to Maccabi Tel Aviv after 23 years, Elitzur Ramle's women have done to Elitzur Holon after 19 years - but their last 35 games. (AP, Reuter)

the excitement was just as chaotic. On Monday night Ramle's women's basketball team, led by Orli Grossman, beat Elitzur Holon 83-67 in Ramle for an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the playoff round which gave them championship. Sleepy Ramle, and big fan mayor Yoel Lavi,

came alive after the game as over 2,000 supporters reveled in the dethrowning of Holon, titleholders for the last 19 years.

For Ramle, Milinka Nadovich was top scor-

er with 26 points and 12 rebounds. Relay success

swim team set a new record in the 4x50m relay in

Three months before the Olympics, the national

HEATHER CHAIT

Ramle hoopsters dethrone Holon

Atlanta. Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexsev, Eytan Orbach and Dan Kutler swarn to 1:40.97 (previous record was 1:44.58) in a short-course meet in excellent preparation for the real thing.
Sailing siblings

events of the Israel Championships this week in Tel Aviv's spring sailing event. Udi Gal and Gidi Kliger (Hapoel Tel Aviv) won the boys title while their sisters Careen Gal and Linor Kliger (also Hapoel TA)

won the girls section. Doing it all by himself

Gal Friedman, silver medalist in the world championships, beat Roi Hemo in the windsurfing mistral category.

Michal Hein won the women's mistral event with

Sivan Yosei second.

No repeat performance
Last year was definitely better for fencer Tomer
Or who finished second in the 1995 world youth

championships. This year Or exited in the quarterfinal round of the championships in Belgium, fin-ishing in 17-22 places, after five wins and a defeat. Delilah Hatoel also had an unspectacular performance, winning just one fight.

Yael Arad was not part of the national judo team which left yesterday fortomorrow's British Open Championships in Birmingham. Arad has an elbow injury and was advised to continue training at home. National men's coach Moshe Ponti will also not be in England, due to his questionable behavior on a

He will be replaced by Lior Landsberg as coach. Oren Smadja, Guy Fogel and Arik Ze'evi will be competing as well as Noa Bauer, Sheli Bin and

Tel Aviv derby takes center stage

WILL it be yellow or red?

Tel Aviv prepares for its 91st derby between the yellow and blue of Maccabi and the red of Hapoel tomorrow. With league leaders Maccabi looking almost unstoppable, it remains to be seen whether the adage that the derby is a law unto itself will again take precedence over form.

Maccabi has a clear advantage over Hapoel and has not lost a home game this season. Bloomfield is actually Hapoel's home ground, but this is an away game for them, so it will probably be vellow after all.

Maccabi will sport a tough lineup with Avi Nimni, ELi Driks and Itzik Zohar all playing and hoping to repeat the 2-0 victory in the first meeting between the two this

Hapoel will be without midfield-

er Sergei Pogodin and defender Kobi Hadadi but their main inspiration of recent weeks. Shalom Tikva, will be there. The former Israel midfielder has transformed the side since his arrival in midseason and was the main force behind the shock victory over Betar Jerusalem when he made his debut for thew club last month.

Elsewhere, Maccabi Haifa, the only other realistic contenders for the title have what looks to be a risky fixture against strugglers

ORI LEWIS Betar Tel Aviv. The Betaris will need to throw everything they have at Haifa, but the latter's class

should see them through.

Other bottom-of-the-table clashes this weekend pit Hapoel Beit She'an against Zafririm Holon and Hapoel Kfar Sava against Maccabi Jaffa in a match to be played today and which will be a do-or-die affair. Jaffa is bottom on 19 points, while Kfar Sava is in 12th position with only two points more. The losers appear almost certain to face Second Division soccer next season.

The volatile security situation in the north has not passed over the

weekend's fixtures and has caused the cancellation of this afternoon's Second Division match between Hapoel Kiryat Shmona

and Maccabi Kiryat Gat. This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off tomorfixtures (all matches kick off tomorrow at 16:30 unless stated, first round results in parentbeses): Maccabi Petab Tikva v. Ironi Rishon, Petab Tikva (2-0); Hapoel Kfar Sava v. Maccabi Jaffa, Kfar Sava, today 16:00 (2-1); Hapoel Haifa v. Hapoel Beersheba, Kiryat Eliezer, today 16:30 (1-0); Baei Yehuda v. Maccabi Herzliya. Hatikva Quarter (0-1); Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Tel Aviv. Bloomfield 17:00 (2-0); Betar Tel Aviv v. Maccabi Haifa. Herzliya 18:00 (3v. Maccabi Haifa, Herzliya 18:00 (3-6); Hapoel Beit She'an v. Zafririm Holon. Beit She'an (1-2): Betar Jerusalem v. Hopoel Petah Tikva, Teddy Stadium (2-2).

Tigers' bats silence Mariners

DETROIT (AP) - Omar Olivares pitched a five-hitter for his first American League victory and the Tigers hit three more home runs Wednesday in a 7-3 win over the Seattle Mariners.

Mark Parent, Melvin Nieves and Cecil Fielder homered for the Tigers, who have hit 17 home runs in their first nine games, including 14 m their last six. Olivares (1-0), signed as a free

agent in the offseason after pitching for Colorado and Philadelphia last year, became the first Tigers pitcher to go the distance this season. He struck out eight, including Jay Bunner four times, and walked two.

Seattle starter Edwin Hurtado (1-2) gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings. The Mariners have lost nine

straight games at Tiger Stadium over the past three seasons. Seattle has not won in Detroit AMERICAN LEAGUE
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since May 8, 1994. Angels 2, Blue Jays 1

Garret Anderson homered in the ninth inning as the visiting Angels defeated the Blue Jays before 25,446, the smallest crowd in SkyDome histo-Juan Guzman (1-1) got two quick

outs in the ninth before Anderson hit a

1-0 pitch over the center-field fence for his first RBI this season.

Anderson's homer, his fifth hit in seven career at-bats against Guzman, gave rookie Mark Holzemer his first major-league win. Holzemer faced just one batter, getting Shawn Green to ground out with the bases loaded in

Troy Percival worked the ninth for his second save.
Orioles 3, Indians 2 (10)

Rafael Palmeiro singled in the winning run in the 10th inning.

Jeffrey Hammonds opened the 10th with a double off Julian Tavarez (0-1). Paul Assenmacher reliever, Brady Anderson sacrificed and Roberto Alomar was intentionally walked. Palmeiro lined a 2-2 pitch into the

right-field corner as Hammonds trot-

WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS: finnesota at Boston, ppd., snow Detroit 7, Seattle 3
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WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS: St. Louis 4, Montreal 1 San Francisco 11, Houston 5 Philadelphia 7, Pittsbargh 6 Colorado 10, Chicago 9 Cincinnati 9, New York 7 Los Angeles 9 Atlanta 2 San Diego 3, Florida 0

Jesse Orosco, the third Orioles pitcher, (1-0) got the final out in the 10th.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Reds 9, Mets 7 Eddie Taubensee drove in four runs and Eric Davis doubled home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning. The Mets' pitching staff walked 11 - four shy of the club record - as it

four-hit performance by Bernard Taubensee had a three-run homer and an RBI double to help the host Reds tie it 7-all in the fourth. The four

wasted a four-run first inning and a

RBIs matched his career high.
The game turned on the Mess' 11th walk. Bob MacDonald (0-1) walked Mike Kelly to open the seventh and scored on Davis' two-out double to right off Jerry DiPoto. Reggie Sanders doubled home Davis for a 9-

Tim Pugh (1-0) pitched two score-less innings in relief of Dave Burba, and Jeff Brantley struck out the side in the ninth for his second save. NATIONAL LEAGUE

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#### SPORTS BRIEFS

Indians, Belle break contract talks The Cleveland Indians have broken off contract talks with star slugger Albert Belle, who is eligible for free agency at the end of the season, according to a newspaper report.

The Indians offered Belle a five-year deal worth an estimated \$37 million in March, but he turned it down, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported yesterday.

Woman's claim against Tyson doubted A woman who accused Mike Tyson of sexually assaulting her claimed the boxer bit her on the face while kissing her at a

nightclub, her friend said Wednesday. But Tammie Batty, who works with the woman and brought her to the nightclub Sunday night, said she didn't see anything happen.
"I don't believe it happened," Batty said at a news conference outside the nightclub that was set up by the club's owners. "You don't mess with anybody's reputation like that."

Tyson, who has not been charged, is on probation for his 1992

rape conviction. Police said they are investigating the woman's

Christie: Olympics too commercial Olympic 100 meters champion Linford Christie is lamenting the

Games growing commercialism.

the two main tournaments.

Christie told British television viewers: "To be honest, I think the Olympics are losing their ideal. "It started off as a great way for athletes to prove they are the best. Now, there is all this talk about paying them, which I don't agree with."

England's top rugby union clubs are being recommended to boycott next season's league and cup competitions in the battle for domestic control of the sport. After a five-hour meeting vesterday, the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) proposed to its 24 members in the

first and second divisions of the league that they should pull out of

English rugby clubs may boycott

## Hapoel sports organization chief indicted

Oberkowitz, Avimor accused of fraud

HAPOEL sports organization chairman Yoram Oberkowitz, 58. and former Hapoel director-general Ya'acov Avimor, 49, of Afula were indicted in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday for conspiring to damage the reputation of Aryc Maliniak, invasion of his privacy. false registration in organization documents and organizational fraud and breach of trust.

The two were accused of asking a private eye to find damaging information about Maliniak, who at the time headed a committee to investigate the situation of Israeli sports. They were also accused of fraudulently approving NIS 54,716 in funding for the investigation out of the Hapoel organization's consulting fee funds.

The two allegedly feared that Maliniak's committee and recommendations, which were pub-

the sports organizations' standings. They therefore sought to slander him in the press and undermine his credibility, and sent derogatory material about him to the Minister of Education. Culture and Sports. They allegedly had the investigators look into Maliniak's family life, income, and whether or not he had any hidden agenda in his work on the committee. Between February and October

lished in August 1993, would hurt

1994, the investigators allegedly gathered information the two passed on to journalist Shaul Eisenberg, who allegedly then used the material in a damaging article on Maliniak in his magazine Baskerball in June, 1994. The two then allegedly wrote the expenses off as "consulting fees.

#### **SCOREBOARD**

NHL - Wednesday's results: N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 2; Buffalo 5, Oitawa 2; Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 1; Philadelphia 5, New Jersey 1; Tampa Bay 2. Florida 1; Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2; Colorado 7, Anaheim 3; Dullas 4, Edmonton 2;

Yoni Ben-Menahem.

Judge George Kara, will be made

In any case, Rimon has already

But Judge Avraham Baiser said

"On the contrary, a greater

the fact that Rimon was a Mossad

agent does not grant him immuni-

degree of integrity and honesty is

expected from those who served

the state, even after they complete

served a prison sentence for the

# Ben-Yair orders case Court to rule on legality of against Kessar dropped

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair yesterday ordered closed the case against Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, accused of fraud in his Labor primaries campaign in 1992.

However, Ben-Yair severely criticized several irregularities which emerged during the investi-

Ben-Yair made the decision after consulting with the head of the criminal division in the State Attorney's Office, Nava Ben-Or, and State Attorney Edna Arbel.

The charges against the former Histadrut secretary-general included adding expenses incurred by his campaign to the Histadrut budget; illegal use of contributions from Austrian unions intended for the

A FORMER Mossad agent charged with smuggling 74 kilo-

grams of cocaine in a phony

diplomatic bag was remanded until trial by Tel Aviv District

Ya'acov Rimon, 46, was arrest-

ed in Venezuela in 1992 in posses-

sion of a diplomatic mail bag con-

taining the drugs, concealed inside tubes of toothpaste.

He claimed he was acting as an

emissary for Israel but was jailed

Court yesterday.

Amal vocational schools; receipt of an illegal donation from the Romanian Immigrants Association: and illegally seeking contributions from workers involved in collecting Histadrut membership fees.

Yehezkel Ovadia, the head of a print shop which was a Histadrut subsidiary, was alleged to have canceled 29 bills sent to him from the Kessar campaign headquarters for campaign material, replacing them with two bills then sent to the Histadrut events department.

Events department head and state's witness Uzi Pessah then allegedly passed them on to the Histadrut treasury as Histadrut expenses. Kessar denied knowing about this arrangement.

Lack of cooperation between

there for three years. He was

employed by the Mossad from 1978-84...

and escaped to Israel, where he was arrested by police here and

The indictment, served in December 1995, says Rimon's claims in Venezuela that he was a

Mossad agent and that the con-

then released on bail.

He was then released on parole

Former Mossad agent remanded

in cocaine smuggling incident

investigators sent there to look into the matter of the donations made it impossible to prove the charges against Kessar. The death of the chairman of the Romanian Immigrants Association made it impossible to prove those charges.

Meanwhile, the probe into the alleged NIS 12,000 contribution by the membership fee collection staff was dropped when Ben-Yair ruled there was a lack of public

However, he sharply criticized the Histadrut workers' boss for asking them to contribute to a campaign, and the full-time employment of two Histadrut

tents of the bag belonged to Israel severely damaged the country's

A publication ban on the affair

was only recently lifted. The dis-

trict attorney then requested his

Rimon's lawyer argued that since the drugs had been

destroyed in Venezuela there was

no proof the offense had been

remand until trial.

taking reporters' records

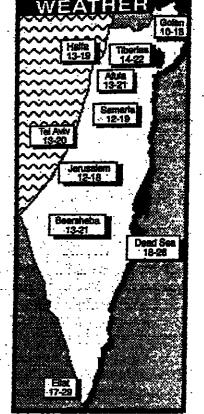
TEL AVIV Magistrate's Court Judge Zecharia Caspi is to rule on Sunday on the legality of the court public, following a similar order given to the Military Police to obtain lists of phone calls made by journalists Carmela Menashe and request filed by Ha'aretz. Guterman said the whole affair has severely damaged journalists' ability to protect their sources.

There is nothing more impor-tant [to a journalist] than the right to confidentiality – the basic prin-Caspi's ruling will affect any future requests for such lists and their use by the Military Police. ciple of a journalist's work - even The decision will be given following a petition by Razi Guterman, secretary-general of the beyond the violation of privacy to the same journalist. It seems that military authorities kept docu-National Federation of Israel ments which they did not request, and which they received a month Journalists, Menashe, and Ben-Menahem, against the state, the IDF chief of personnel, the Military ago and kept until the eve of Police commander, and the police. Pessah. We don't know if this information was used and for Another judge ruled on Monday that the court order, signed by what purpose," Guterman said.

Federation lawyer Arye Chertok

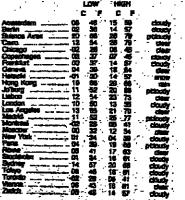
also argued that the Military Police received additional documents and kept them for a longer period than the court order allowed. He also said the Military Police received additional lists of phone calls from Pelephone made

by other journalists. Military Police prosecutor Lt-Col. Avi Levy argued that although the Military Police had received more documents than they had requested, they had not used them. But when asked by Caspi if the documents had been examined, Levy said they had because it had not been clear what they referred to. Levy also agreed that Ben-Menahem's rights as a journalist had been damaged, "but not deliberately."



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#### AROUND THE WORLD



#### Sheves gets threatening phone calls, letter

**RAINE MARCUS** 

THE head of Labor's campaign headquarters, Shimon Sheves, expected to file a complaint with Tel Aviv police after receiving several phone calls recently in which a man threatened to murder him and his children.

According to a source close to Sheves, he also received a handwritten letter in incorrect Hebrew initially sent to the Prime Minister's Office before being transferred to Sheves - which

describes him as a "demon, monster and a traitor." "You sold the country - you

together with Rabin," reads the letter. "You deserve the same as Yigal Amir got. All this will return like a boomerang or a ball [or bul-let] hurled which comes back to you. These curses will hurt you in Senior police officers have been

informed of the threats. Police said as soon as they receive a formal complaint, they will deal with it accordingly. Sheves has been threatened sev-

eral times in the past, police said.

Teen gets lost after eating hallucinogen

A 16-year-old girl who got lost while hiking near Safed during Pessah became disoriented when she ate the hallucinogenic devil's trumpet plant, police said yester-day. She was found Wednesday evening, two days after disap-

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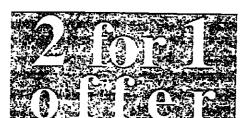
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